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Those who divorce after 60 may need special support

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Wake up Boomers, and get your will together

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THE ANN ARBOR NEWS

Weather: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 62. Tuesday, t-storm possible. High 84. **Details on back page.**

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Ypsilanti Press closes

NEWS PHOTO

The Ypsilanti Press ended its 90-year-history today when it published its last edition.

Last edition today; shocked staff ends 90-year tradition

■ Garden State Newspapers cites adverse business conditions for closing the county's second-largest daily.

The Ypsilanti Press today announced that the paper is closing, ending 90 years of publishing a daily newspaper in Washtenaw County's second-largest city.

Wayne Studer, publisher of the newspaper, told employees this morning that today's edition will be the last for the 15,500 circulation paper, which is owned by Garden State Newspapers.

He said the closing resulted from adverse business conditions in the Ypsilanti area, particularly the closing of General Motors Corp.'s Willow Run assembly plant.

Studer said he informed his staff of the closing at 8:30 a.m. "They were very shocked, devastated and disappointed," said Studer, who joined the newspaper in 1990.

'Readers who live east of Ann Arbor will see a new edition designed for Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Belleville. The rest of our subscribers will see no change whatsoever.'

— Ed Petykiewicz, editor at The News

Starting Tuesday, The Ann Arbor News will provide expanded news coverage of the greater Ypsilanti community, including Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Belleville. The coverage will be part of a new product, called the Ypsilanti Press, an edition of The Ann Arbor News.

David D. Wierman, publisher of The Ann Arbor News, said The News purchased the Ypsilanti Press' subscription list, library and the paper's name after Garden State Newspapers decided to close the Ypsilanti Press. The purchase price was not disclosed.

"Garden State contacted us after they decided to close the Ypsilanti Press and offered to sell us some of the paper's assets. We agreed to buy some of the assets because they will help us expand and improve our coverage of the greater Ypsilanti area," Wierman said.

Ed Petykiewicz, editor of The Ann Arbor News, said the paper will broaden its coverage of the Ypsilanti area while also continuing its coverage of Ann Arbor.

"We've published separate editions for Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti for 12 years," said Petykiewicz. "Each of those editions has focused on the respective communities, and that certainly will continue.

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Garden State Newspapers has owned the Ypsilanti Press since 1986.

Studer said the Ypsilanti Press' 56 full-time and 35 part-time workers are without jobs. Asked what he would do, Studer said: "I haven't got the slightest idea. . . . I'm still in a state of shock."

The paper, he said, will not have a farewell issue.

Studer had nothing but fond words for his staff. "I've never seen a staff work so hard and be so dedicated. . . . It's a difficult time for everyone in the newspaper business. We fell victim to it."

News will fill void left by Press closing

Dear readers:

The closing of a newspaper is like putting a lock on a community's town hall.

For almost 90 years, the Ypsilanti Press helped forge consensus and create a sense of community for its readers, civic groups, businesses and public officials.

Every day, the Press opened its pages to the community by reporting news stories, profiling residents, announcing births, publishing letters to the editor and chronicling all the events that are woven into the fabric of the communities it covered.

The daily forum provided by the Press let readers talk to each other about an ever-changing host of issues. In a very real sense, the Press was a community gateway, performing a role very similar to an annual town hall meeting.

The closing of the Press is sad. Employees will lose jobs, and the Ypsilanti area will lose a vital communication link. We share your sadness and we're moving to fill the void created by the loss of the Ypsilanti Press.

Starting Tuesday, The Ann Arbor News will offer an expanded edition for Ypsilanti and other communities formerly served by the Ypsilanti Press.

We've learned a lot from the Ypsilanti Press and we plan to use those lessons as we expand our coverage of news and people in the Ypsilanti area. We're increasing the number of reporters, editors and photographers who will work in Ypsilanti.

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Over the years, The Ann Arbor News has made a strong commitment to the Ypsilanti area and its numerous civic organizations. In the coming months, you'll see us build upon our past and expand that commitment.

Our Ypsilanti staff will provide readers with stories about breaking news events as well as information about church news, volunteers, newsmakers, community groups, high school sports, recreational sports and a variety of other activities important to the Ypsilanti area. You'll also get inspection reports of local restaurants completed by the county health department and more classified ads. New readers will find more comprehensive television listings.

We're convinced that our expanded and improved edition will better serve our readers and advertisers alike. Our commitment to both drives our quest for excellence.

Our Ypsilanti edition will be edited by Tony Dearing, our new managing editor for Ypsilanti. He'll work in Ypsilanti and make the decisions about stories and photos that appear on our front page and our local news pages for our new and expanded edition called the Ypsilanti Press — an edition of The Ann Arbor News. We think it's important that decisions about local news are made in the community where the events happen.

The increased coverage of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Belleville will not come at the expense of news from Ann Arbor. We will continue to provide you with news coverage from Ann Arbor that you have come to expect from us.

As you read your new newspaper, give Tony Dearing a call at 482-4863 and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you.

David D. Wierman
Publisher

Ed Petykiewicz
Editor

Windfall stock profits: lawmakers' new perk?

■ D'Amato's case highlights touchy issue of lawmakers getting tips on profits from those seeking political favors.

By SARA FRITZ
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — In a single day last year, Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, R-N.Y, earned $37,125 by buying and selling an initial public sale of stock in a small California computer company, Computer Marketplace.

While his profit was stunning, especially for someone of relatively modest financial circumstances, it is by no means unusual for those lucky few investors who get an opportunity to buy lucrative new issues known as initial public offerings, or IPOs.

Still, D'Amato's windfall may be significant for what it demonstrates about new opportunities for personal gain in political life today. Like D'Amato, a number of prominent members of Congress — including House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash. — have lately reported earning huge profits by trading hard-to-get IPOs.

Their remarkable windfalls have caused some critics to question whether they, as members of Congress, are being provided special access to stock opportunities that are unavailable to most other citizens. In short, critics ask, are IPO profits becoming a new perquisite of public service?

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What makes D'Amato's IPO profits even more striking is the similarity they bear to the $100,000 bonanza that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton realized in the

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SIMPSON WON'T PLEAD INSANITY

DNA analysis of blood collected as evidence could clear O.J. Simpson, who will not plead insanity because he did not kill his ex-wife and her friend, defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey said.
In Nation/World.
See Page A2.

Dollar crisis could cause rate hike

■ Critics question White House strategy as dollar continues to fall today.

By WILLIAM J. EATON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Criticism escalated Sunday over the Clinton administration's response to the declining dollar, feeding speculation that the Federal Reserve Board would decide next week to again raise short-term interest rates to bolster the U.S. currency against the Japanese yen and the German mark.

White House officials urged a wait-and-see attitude in the wake of Friday's coordinated $3 billion intervention by the Treasury and 16 other major industrial nations to stop the rapid drop in the dollar's value.

But Monday in the Far East the dollar continued to tumble despite heavy dollar purchases by the Bank of Japan. At midday the dollar was trading at 99.50 yen in Tokyo, down from 100.45 at the close in New York on Friday and a new post-World War II low. The dollar also continued to drop against the German mark.

Reflecting currency turmoil and worries about interest rates, Asian stock markets slumped virtually across the board early Monday. Japan's Nikkei index was off almost 450 points at the end of the morning session and in New Zealand the NZSE-40 index plunged 4 percent.

"We are concerned, we're serious and we're focused with respect to

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1 of 4 welfare mothers addicted

■ Report finds welfare mothers 3 times more likely to be substance abusers.

▶ Update on smoke-related deaths, **A3**
▶ Health incentives pushed, **A3**

By JENNIFER DIXON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — One in four mothers on welfare abuses alcohol or drugs, according to a new study that says "getting them unhooked" must be the central element of welfare reform.

The report, released today by the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, also finds that mothers on welfare are three times more likely than other mothers to be substance abusers.

By the center's count, more than 1 million of the 4.2 million parents on the rolls of Aid to Families with Dependent Children in 1991 were alcohol and drug abusers or addicts.

Among the youngest parents on the AFDC — the group targeted for job training and work programs under the Clinton administration's new welfare reform proposal — the rate of addiction and abuse is 37 percent.

"If we are serious about getting them off welfare, we have to be serious about getting them into treatment programs and after care," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., chairman and president of the center and a former secretary of health, education and welfare.

Clinton's welfare plan would pour billions of dollars into education, training, work and child-care pro-

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LOCAL

Builder planning to revive Saline's heart

After years of neglect, financial problems and chronic vacancies, two pivotal commercial blocks in the heart of Saline are being resuscitated. Bill Kinley, president of Ypsilanti-based Phoenix Contractors, plans to buy and rehabilitate the properties, which consist of 13 commercial buildings at Saline's main intersection — Michigan Avenue and Ann Arbor Street. Most of the buildings are vacant. Those fronting on Michigan Avenue, Saline's main street, are in serious disrepair. **Page C1.**

NATION/WORLD

Another massacre possible, Israeli prime minister says

Cleared of blame for the Hebron mosque massacre, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is promising tighter security in the volatile city but warning that another massacre is possible. **Page A4.**

Fierce storms rip S. Africa

Storms packing torrential rains and 60 mph winds wreaked havoc in Cape Town today, tearing roofs off homes, leaving hundreds homeless and pushing spilled oil ashore. **Page A4.**

STATE

Michigan becomes magnet for hazardous wastes

State regulators say hazardous wastes travel a long way to come to rest in Michigan — and they're not even surprised. Last year, Michigan imported 90,000 tons more of hazardous waste than it exported, according to a study reported Sunday by a Detroit newspaper. The study found that 35 states, Canada and Puerto Rico sent waste to Michigan, while the state sent waste to 18 states and Ontario. **Page A5.**

Saturday, June 25
Daily 3: 178
Daily 4: 9316
Lotto: 5, 12, 20, 23, 47, 48
Next Lotto prize: $24 million

BUSINESS

GM shuffles top managers

General Motors Corp. was expected today to make the most extensive executive changes since outside directors deposed top managers and installed Jack Smith as president in 1992. The board of the world's largest industrial corporation was expected to make the moves at its regular meeting in New York. **Page A7.**

Expo spotlights black-owned firms

Derrick Jordan says the biggest obstacle for his mail-order business of toys for black children, Colorful World, is what he calls "an uncaring market." The Ann Arbor businessman isn't talking about a lack of demand for his darker complected dolls, Kwanza picture books and music boxes decorated with images of black children. The problem, he says, is reaching the buyers. **Page A7.**

SPORTS

Loss forces waiting game at World Cup

Before the U.S. soccer team plays another World Cup game, it must defeat two more opponents: time and anxiety. Thanks to a 1-0 loss to Romania Sunday at the Rose Bowl, the U.S. won't know for sure where it will play its next game, which team it will face or even if there will be a next game. **Page B1.**

Wimbledon survivors dispose of trash talk

Though the heat is on as a wild Wimbledon enters its second week, the rhetoric from some of the most feared contenders is anything but warlike. Boris Becker is extolling the joys of fatherhood. Guy Forget is complimenting the British fans who will be rooting for his defeat. And Goran Ivanisevic, famed as much for his hot temper as his sizzling serve, describes his new self as quiet and cool. **Page B1.**

CONNECTION

Gays mark anniversary of 'Stonewall Riot'

It's been 25 years since the Stonewall riot on June 27, 1969. And the gay rights movement has come a long way. Before Stonewall, homosexuality was generally described as a crime or a sickness or both. People of the same sex could not dance together or wear "unusual or unnatural attire," and police could confidently send two officers to raid a gay bar with 200 patrons. After Stonewall, gay men and women held hands and kissed in the street. They chanted "Gay Power!" **Page D1.**

ENTERTAINMENT

Most of TV's flops had it coming to them

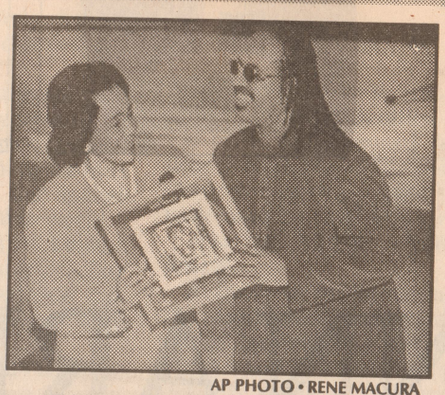
Meanwhile, the key word for fall TV is "choice." But let's take a moment to reflect upon the mostly unmourned, mostly forgotten, mostly never even noticed shows that debuted LAST fall, and then, one by one, were cut down in their prime time as the networks' shrewdly crafted schedules became killing fields. **Page D5.**

DEATHS

Joseph R. Collins, 82, of Brighton. Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton.
Marie J. Contos, 84, of Pittsfield Township. Stark Funeral Service.
Dorothy S. Fox, 61, of Pinckney. Shelters Funeral Home, Pinckney.
Thomas Wm. Foley, Jr., 69, of Superior Township. Stark Funeral Service.
Mary A. Kornbacher, 79, of Manchester. Jenter-Braun Funeral Home, Manchester.
Bruce Arthur Nelson, 52, of Ann Arbor. Muehlig Chapel.
Palma Pennisi, 84, of Ann Arbor. Muehlig Chapel.
Wilbert H. Rusch, Sr., of Ann Arbor. Muehlig Chapel.
Helen Spack, 36, of Howell. Lamb Funeral Home, Howell.
Fern C. Sutton, 94, of Manchester. Jenter-Braun Funeral Home, Manchester.
John "Jack" E. Tuohey, 81, of Chelsea, formerly of Sun City, Ariz. Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel.
Roena O. Wurster, 83, of Adrian, formerly of Manchester. Jenter-Braun Funeral Home, Manchester.

Obituary and funeral home information appears on C4.

CELEBRITIES



AP PHOTO • RENE MACURA

Coretta Scott King presents an award for musical contributions to Stevie Wonder on Sunday during the first annual VH-1 honors program.

Glenn Close closes 'Sunset Boulevard'

LOS ANGELES — The sun set Sunday on "Sunset Boulevard." Glenn Close closed the West Coast production of the musical with a gracious goodbye that generated a 15-minute standing ovation.

Close brought out the entire cast and crew for the curtain call, taking the stage with dozens of ushers, makeup artists and carpenters.

The production, which starred Close as aging silent screen diva Norma Desmond, ran for 232 performances.

Close will take the role to Broadway in the fall.

Brosnan says his vote goes to oldest Bond

RADNOR, Pa. — Which 007 is No. 1? The newest Bond, Pierce Brosnan, casts his vote for the oldest Bond.

"Sean Connery was the Bond I grew up with," says Brosnan, tapped this month as the latest actor to play James Bond, the role that Connery originated on film.

BROSNAN

"In 1964, when I was a boy of 11 coming to America from Ireland, the first movie I saw was 'Goldfinger,' and it left an indelible mark on my young psyche," Brosnan says in the July 2 issue of TV Guide.

Brosnan, who starred in the title role of the TV series "Remington Steele," will succeed not only Connery but also George Lazenby, Roger Moore and Timothy Dalton.

Although he finally has a license to kill, Brosnan apparently doesn't yet have a license to discuss his new role.

"It's too soon to talk about," he says.

Louisiana governor wants grave at Capitol

BATON ROUGE, La. — Gov. Edwin Edwards would like to become a permanent fixture at the state Capitol. Or at least underneath it.

Edwards, who announced this month that he won't seek a fifth term, said he wants to be buried near the statue of former Gov. Huey Long on the Capitol grounds. The statue marks Long's grave site.

Edwards, who has a penchant for gambling, probably realizes that he faces formidable odds. Long is the only person buried at the Capitol.

'X-Files' actress good for the role

RADNOR, Pa. — As a child, Gillian Anderson would go into her back yard and dig things up. She's still at it — digging up weird occurrences on "The X-Files."

ANDERSON

"When I was a kid, I wanted to be an archaeologist or a marine biologist. I loved investigating," Anderson says in the July 2 issue of TV Guide.

In "The X-Files," she portrays FBI agent Dana Scully, who accompanies agent Fox Mulder on his quixotic quest to uncover mysterious things.

Anderson and co-star David Duchovny recently visited FBI headquarters in Quantico, Va., where they found that many agents are fans of the Fox show.

The FBI emphasizes one thing, however: There are no "X-Files." Or so it says.

Reba McEntire says she lost 20 pounds

RADNOR, Pa. — Reba McEntire says she has lost 20 pounds since an accident while filming "The Gambler Returns" three years ago.

"In one scene, I was supposed to hop on a horse from a wagon, and I was so heavy and uncoordinated, I fell off the horse," the country music superstar says in TV Guide magazine.

Her diet secret: to eat mostly fruit and shun fried foods.

From The Associated Press.

NATION/WORLD

Coroner's report sets slaying scene

Nicole Simpson found in fetal position

■ O.J. Simpson won't plead insanity in double murder, lawyer F. Lee Bailey says.

By LOUINN LOTA
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Nicole Brown Simpson lay curled in a fetal position, clad in a black dress with her feet bare, blood marking her legs, arms and face. Ronald Goldman slumped in the dirt, his back against a tree stump, blue jeans and sweater dark with blood. That is what a coroner's investigator saw on the morning of June 13.

DNA analysis of blood collected as evidence could clear O.J. Simpson, who will not plead insanity because he did not kill his ex-wife and her friend, defense lawyer F. Lee Bailey said.

"In California, you don't approach the question of insanity until you have a trial on guilt," Bailey told CNN on Sunday. "California really is ahead of the world with the best procedure around because it's inconsistent to talk insanity and guilt or innocence in the same proceeding."

BAILEY

Simpson pleaded innocent to charges of first-degree murder in the slaying of Nicole Simpson, 35, and Goldman, 25.

Reportedly, blood found at the scene is of the same type as O.J. Simpson's, and blood was found in Simpson's Bronco and in his driveway.

Prosecutors are pinning much of their case on the results of DNA tests from blood samples, Bailey said.

"If the DNA comes back and is not a match, then the police had better get busy opening the investigation they may have prematurely closed," Bailey said.

But even if it is a match, Bailey said on ABC today, "is not going to settle the matter conclusively, as everybody seems to think."

Meanwhile, a hearing was scheduled for today on a media request for the release of sealed documents from the 1989 case in which Simpson, 46, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor battery against his then-wife.

Nicole Simpson and her friend, a waiter at a trendy restaurant, were found slashed and hacked to death outside her townhouse.

A neighbor discovered their bloodied bodies near the gated entrance to Nicole Simpson's townhouse early on June 13, after seeing her dog wandering around the neighborhood, according to the report by a Los Angeles County coroner's investigator.

The report was obtained by TV's syndicated "American Journal" for a show scheduled to air today. The show gave The Associated Press a copy of the report Sunday.

A white envelope containing a pair of eyeglasses lay at Goldman's feet. The glasses belonged to Nicole Simpson's mother, the report said. Previous reports said the glasses were her own.

Goldman had gone to Nicole Simpson's Brentwood condominium to return the glasses, left the previous night at the Mezzaluna restaurant where he worked.

She was last known to be alive at about 11 p.m., when she spoke to her mother on the telephone about the glasses, the report said.

At about that time, O.J. Simpson's lawyers say, the football hero was at his mansion some 10 minutes from his ex-wife's townhouse, preparing to leave for a business trip to Chicago.

Bailey reiterated that alibi. "He says he was at home waiting for a limousine to take him to the airport," Bailey said in today's New York Times. "So, if he was home, he couldn't have done it, could he?"

In other developments:

■ In New York City on Sunday, a group of activists and politicians rallied to demand that corporations work to curb domestic violence, criticizing companies that kept Simpson on the payroll after his no-contest plea to beating his wife in 1989, including Hertz and NBC.

■ The New York Post said today that Nicole Simpson had an affair with a restaurant executive in 1992 while she was separated from O.J. Simpson and that Simpson once found them having sex on a couch when he visited his wife's home. Simpson was referring to that incident last October, the paper said, when he was caught on a police 911 tape yelling at his wife, "(You) didn't give a (obscenity) about the kids when you was (obscenity) in the living room."

The restaurateur, Keith Zlomsowitch, told the Post he and Nicole Simpson had a close relationship but would not say whether they had an affair. He said he was a pallbearer at Nicole Simpson's funeral.

AP PHOTO • ERIC MILLER

Carrying a mile-long rainbow banner, hundreds of marchers head up First Avenue in New York on Sunday to commemorate the Stonewall Inn riot.

AP PHOTO • JOE TABACCA

Members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) stage an unsanctioned march on New York's Fifth Avenue on Sunday in conjunction with the official march.

Stonewall march marks landmark in gays' struggle

■ Tens of thousands remember bloody N.Y. bar riot 25 years ago.

By CHRIS OLERT
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Witnesses to riot share memories, **D1**

NEW YORK — They marched behind a mile-long rainbow banner, cheering and chanting and proclaiming their gay pride. They mourned in silence and screamed in rage.

Mostly, though, the tens of thousands of gays and lesbians from across the country gathered Sunday to remember the bloody bar riot of 25 years ago that is considered a landmark in the gay rights movement.

A quarter-century after gays fought police at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, the anniversary celebration showed just how far the movement has come — and how far it has to go.

Participants pleaded for tolerance in a world where many homosexuals still live in fear of violence, of losing their jobs, of being shunned by their families.

"We want people to know, what happened here (at Stonewall) is happening in Indiana today," said Stephanie Minaert of Out and About Indiana.

The parade, which ended in a rally at Central Park, included a minute of silence to remember those who died of AIDS, followed by a scream of rage.

One marcher held a sign that asked: "How many of us will be alive for Stonewall 35?"

New York City Councilman Thomas Duane, who is gay and infected with the virus that causes AIDS, was cheered loudly when he declared, "There are hundreds of us now in public office. We'll be marching and fighting until there is a cure for AIDS."

Much of the day, though, was celebratory. "Ain't no stopping us now," sang drag queen RuPaul. Liza Minelli and Gregory Hines also performed. A number of participants wore medals from the Gay Games, the sports festival that concluded Saturday.

"It's amazing that in 25 years we've come so far, from when you couldn't get out of a gay bar to where you fill the streets proudly," said Jerry Clifford, a parade participant.

Minnelli, introduced by playwright Harvey Fierstein, sang "Someday We'll Be Free," an anti-AIDS anthem.

While the anniversary was billed as a celebration of gay unity, it also illustrated divisions in the movement.

Most of the marchers headed up First Avenue to Central Park, but a smaller contingent, focusing on the fight against AIDS, started at the Stonewall and marched up Fifth Avenue. They had no city permit, but police closed off Fifth Avenue to traffic and didn't interfere.

The Fifth Avenue march was led by Sylvia Rivera, a transvestite who fought police at the Stonewall. Rivera had dropped out of sight in recent months and was feared dead.

Crowd estimates varied. Organizers of the First Avenue parade estimated 1.1 million marchers and spectators. City Hall estimated 150,000. The police estimated 100,000 at the Central Park rally, 12,000 in the licensed march and 6,500 in the unlicensed one.

NATION/WORLD

WORLD IN BRIEF

California: Brush fires burn more than 8,000 acres

Fire crews from neighboring states converged on Southern California today to help battle brush fires that have already blackened more than 8,000 acres.

The most devastating fire so far was a 2,000-acre blaze in the San Bernardino and Angeles national forests, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

It destroyed 10 homes and caused about $2 million in damage.

More than 800 firefighters battled to contain the blaze early today, Forest Service spokesman Robert Brady said.

Another 600 firefighters tried to contain a 3,000-acre fire in the Soledad Canyon in the Angeles National Forest that had been burning since Saturday. A third blaze charred 1,500 acres south of Anza in Riverside County.

In San Diego County, a brush fire scorched 2,000 acres and headed toward the community of Mesa Grande.

AP PHOTO • MICHAEL CAULFIELD

San Bernadino County Firefighters battle a 2,000-acre blaze in the San Bernadino National Forest early this morning.

New York: Alleged terrorist gets deal

The reputed architect of a suspected terrorist plot to bomb the United Nations and assassinate Egypt's president apparently has cut a deal with the government to become a key prosecution witness, his former lawyers say.

"It never dawned on us they would take the guy they vilified as the worst terrorist monster on the earth and offer him a deal," Ron Kuby said Sunday, a day after he announced he had been dismissed as Siddig Ibrahim Siddig Ali's lawyer.

Siddig Ali's help would do the most damage to Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind cleric who is accused of being the alleged plotters' spiritual leader.

N. Korea: U.S. to offer liaison offices

The United States will offer to exchange diplomatic liaison offices with North Korea if the Communist state agrees to open its secretive nuclear program, a newspaper reported today.

The offices would be the first step in a two-stage program that eventually would include formal diplomatic recognition of the North, the Dong-A Ilbo said.

The national daily, quoting an unidentified South Korean government official, said South Korea has been informed of the U.S. plan, to be presented at high-level talks with North Korea expected in early July.

There was no official government confirmation of the report.

The talks, suspended last July, will begin July 8 in Geneva, North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said today.

"The talks are expected to discuss matters for a fundamental solution to the nuclear issue in a package deal and other outstanding issues" between the two countries, the agency said.

In a deal brokered by former President Carter, the Clinton administration has agreed to reopen high-level talks with North Korea in exchange for a promise from the North to freeze its nuclear program. The talks were suspended last July.

North Korea denies that it is developing nuclear weapons but has thwarted full international inspections of its facilities.

In another result of Carter's trip to North Korea two weeks ago, officials from the two Koreas are to meet Tuesday to discuss arrangements for the first summit between their presidents.

China: Premier wants new world order

Premier Li Peng today called for a new world order based on Chinese foreign policy principles to ease tensions left over from the end of the Cold War.

Li spoke at a meeting to mark the 40th anniversary of the "Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence," a set of foreign policy guidelines that China formulated with India and Burma in the 1950s.

LI

The guidelines stress mutual respect and noninterference in other countries' internal affairs, a favorite theme of Chinese leaders as they face off international criticism of their human rights record.

"We think these principles should be taken as the basis of a new international political and economic order that responds to the changing international situation," Li said in an address to 500 diplomats, government officials and reporters in the cavernous Great Hall of the People in central Beijing.

He added that only when different countries respect each other's differences "will it be possible to expand cooperation, increase exchanges and live in harmony."

President Clinton in May extended China's Most Favored Nation trading status despite reports of continued human rights abuses.

Washington: Talks focus on Africa

African leaders say the world's richest nation can't give up on the planet's poorest countries, where democracies are taking hold despite poverty, despair and wars.

South African President Nelson Mandela, speaking via a video hookup to the White House Conference on Africa, called on the United States to launch an economic aid program rivaling the one that rebuilt Europe after World War II.

Messages from Mandela and Salim A. Salim, chief of the Organization of African Unity, highlighted Sunday's opening sessions of the gathering of about 170 U.S. experts on Africa.

President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were to address final sessions today.

Ukraine: Voting shows regional divide

Early results today in Ukraine's presidential elections showed a stark regional divide, with incumbent Leonid Kravchuk far ahead in the west and his main rival scoring well in the south and east.

Kravchuk, fighting challengers who want to revive Ukraine's economy by resuming close ties with Russia, has called the vote a referendum on Ukraine's independence.

Kravchuk and his top opponent, former Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma, were expected to go into a runoff July 10 in the likely event no candidate gets the 50 percent needed to win outright.

A final tally was not expected until late today or Tuesday morning.

Iran: Bomb blamed on exiled group

Iranian investigators today blamed a blast which killed 26 people at a mosque on an exiled opposition group.

Security forces' investigations found that "Mahdi Nahvi, an element" of the Mujahedeen Khalq movement, "had a hand" in the June 20 explosion, said an Information Ministry spokesman quoted by the Islamic Republic News Agency said. The spokesman was not named.

The Mujahedeen Khalq, or Peoples' Holy Warriors, have denied any involvement in the blast, which ripped through the prayer hall of the Shiite Imam Reza shrine in Mashhad, 450 miles east of Tehran. Seventy worshipers were wounded.

Moynihan shifts toward incentives in health debate

Plan might subsidize employers who provide insurance

■ Administration sees Moynihan's and others' proposals as good sign.

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – After finding few takers for a health reform plan with mandatory employer contributions, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan was testing the waters with a new proposal today that replaces workplace mandates with incentives to buy insurance.

Moynihan's Senate Finance Committee could pass a bill by week's end, a key member, Sen. John Chafee, said today. "This is truly a crucial week," he added.

Moynihan was conferring with fellow Democrats today before presenting his ideas to the full committee in a closed-door session this afternoon. It was still being fine-tuned, but aides said the New York Democrat this time will eschew mandates on employers or individuals but dangle subsidies before businesses instead to entice them to pitch in.

A separate compromise advanced Friday by Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., and a half-dozen Finance Committee moderates also avoided the Clinton path of mandatory contributions from all employers and aimed for 95 percent coverage by 2002.

Chafee said today that much of Moynihan's "package that is very, very similar to what we came up with."

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a Finance Committee member and cosponsor of the Chafee plan, said he believed he would find more similarities than differences.

"I think we're moving in the same direction," Breaux said as he made the rounds of morning talk shows. "We're not going to get a Democratic bill out or a Republican bill," he said. "If we try to get all or nothing, we might end up with nothing, and that would be tragic."

HEALTH CARE REFORM

The Moynihan plan sets a target of 95 percent coverage by 2000, with a national health commission then to recommend ways to close the rest of the gap, but with Congress under no obligation to follow its prescription, according to a Washington Post report based on a 139-page draft of the proposal.

Moynihan would offer subsidies to low-wage companies that pick up 80 percent of their workers' premiums and allow small businesses that pay at least 50 percent of the premiums to sign their staff up for the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, the newspaper said.

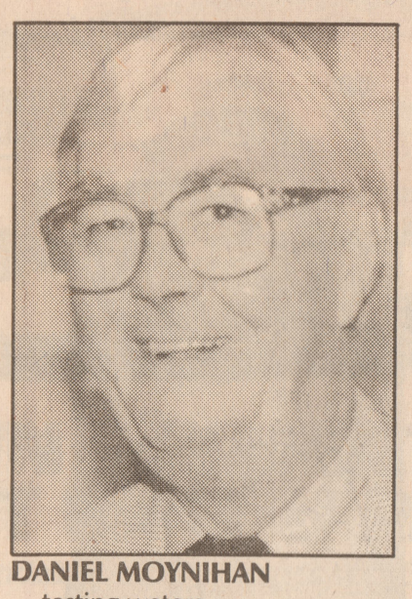
The earlier Moynihan proposal cut out President Clinton's plan to create new long-term care benefits, pick up most of the premiums for early retirees and give the elderly prescription drug coverage under Medicare for the first time.

A group pushing Clinton-style reforms released a report today that indicates 411,000 businesses that employ 10 million Americans are now spending more than 12 percent of payroll on health insurance. Most of the companies with health costs that high have 10 or fewer workers, according to the Families USA study.

Meanwhile, Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee were meeting today to try to find common ground on how to restrain the growth of medical spending. That is the hardest issue facing Rep. Sam M. Gibbons, D-Fla., the acting chairman, as he struggles to hold together a bare majority of 20 Democrats on the bill he has vowed to complete by week's end.

Moynihan, who has been nudging Finance members toward a compromise in private sessions for weeks, will start working on his bill in public for the first time Tuesday.

The Clinton administration, which has had its difficulties with Moynihan in the past over health reform, was trying to give the cerebral New York Democrat plenty of room to operate.



DANIEL MOYNIHAN
... testing waters

White House Communications Director Mark Gearan said Sunday that there would be no comment on Moynihan's proposal before he goes public with it. But the White House is viewing any debate on health care reform as a good sign.

"Overall, the events of the last two weeks show progress on health care reform continues," Gearan said. Thursday, the House Education and Labor Committee became the second congressional panel to approve a bill with a mandate on employers to pay 80 percent of their workers' premiums.

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was unclear whether Moynihan's emerging proposal would meet Clinton's criterion of guaranteed private health insurance for all Americans.

Clinton, in a radio address Saturday, warned against a "half-hearted" approach to health reform that would leave millions of middle-class Americans still uninsured or in danger of losing their coverage.

Nevada leading U.S. in smoke-related deaths

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA – Nevada leads the nation in the rate of smoking-related deaths, while the Mormon Church's prohibition against using tobacco keeps Utah relatively smoke-free. Overall, smoking-related deaths are declining.

These were some of the conclusions of the government's first state-by-state look in five years at cigarette smoking, the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed deaths in 1990, and found that 20 percent, or 415,226, were caused by smoking. A 1988 estimate found that 434,000 people died from smoking-related causes.

Improvements in the emergency care of heart attacks and strokes and better treatment for cardiovascular diseases offset a slight increase in lung cancer deaths, said Mike Siegel, an epidemiologist with the CDC.

"Only a small percentage could be due to a drop in the smoking rate," Siegel said.

The CDC looked at each state's deaths from cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, infant diseases and burn deaths caused by smoking. The agency then analyzed the numbers using formulas based on the prevalence or percentage of adults who smoke, and on risks of health problems among current and ex-smokers, compared to nonsmokers.

Nevada's rates may be attributable in part to its large number of retirees.

RANKINGS

State smoking mortality statistics for 1990. The first figure is the smoking death rate per 100,000, followed by the percentage of all deaths:

Ten highest:
Nevada, 478.1; 24.0
District of Columbia, 444.7; 17.6
Tennessee, 442.1; 22.1
West Virginia, 433.6; 21.8
Kentucky, 428.7; 21.2
Alaska, 398.2; 18.4
Indiana, 394.3; 20.7
Delaware, 393.1; 20.4
Oklahoma, 390.4; 20.2
Maine, 389.4; 21.4

Ten lowest:
Utah, 218; 13.4
Hawaii, 257.2; 17.3
New Mexico, 287.7; 16.4
Idaho, 293.2; 17.5
Minnesota, 295.2; 17.6
Kansas, 300.8; 17.2
Iowa, 304.2; 17.9
South Dakota, 307.9; 18.6
North Dakota, 308.2; 18.2
Wisconsin, 313.3; 17.8

Michigan
372.5 per 100,000; 19.6 percent

Fierce storms rip S. Africa

■ Winds bring oil slicks onto beaches.

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Storms packing torrential rains and 60 mph winds wreaked havoc today, tearing roofs off homes, leaving hundreds homeless and pushing spilled oil ashore.

The storms off the southern tip of Africa pushed ashore oil believed to be from the leaking 1983 wreck of a Spanish supertanker in waters off Cape Town.

Newspapers carried a new theory about the source of the oil today, saying that another vessel, the ore-carrying, Panama-registered Apollo Star, has not been heard from and may have sunk. The Star of Johannesburg said three unmarked life rafts had washed ashore in the Cape Town area.

The ship put to sea on June 20 with 36 crew members.

But an official with the Department of Sea Fisheries, Alison Dehrmann, said there was no confirmation that the Apollo Star had sunk or that the life rafts were from that vessel.

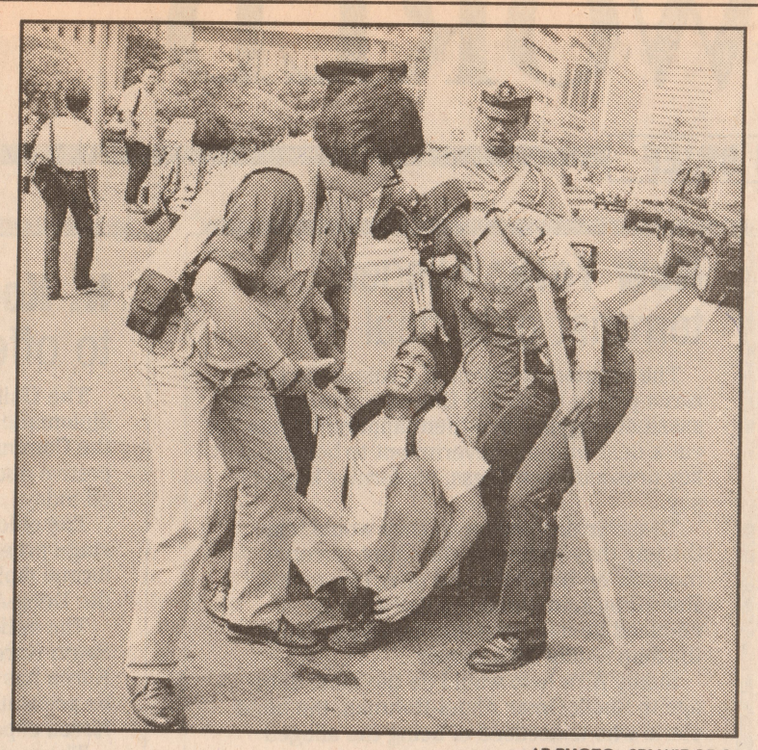
Oil slicks began polluting coastal islands and the Cape shores on Thursday, fouling about 15 miles of beaches and sometimes reaching the doors of million-dollar beach homes.

Attempts to rescue up to 20,000 rare Jackass penguins from nature reserves on Robben and Dassen islands were hampered by the storms, as were attempts to clean up some of South Africa's most celebrated beaches along the Cape.

A South African air force helicopter carried oil-soaked penguins from the reserve at Dassen island to a cleaning center set up by the National Foundation for the Conservation of Seabirds.

So far, more than 3,500 penguins have been brought in for clean up. Wildlife officials believe most of the birds left behind will start dying within days.

Cape Town beaches were heavily polluted. Hundreds of volunteers helped on Sunday to remove oil from the popular tourist beaches of Clifton, Camps Bay and Sea Point. Cape Town's main thoroughfare was under one foot of water Sunday night. Thousands of makeshift squatter dwellings were destroyed. A Red Cross spokesman said it aided about 400 people on Sunday.



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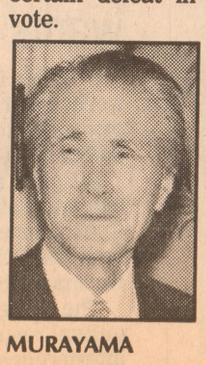
INDONESIAN PROTEST — Police drag artist Sensar Siahan from a demonstration in Jakarta Monday. Demonstrators have accused the government of reversing moves toward greater democracy.

Socialists gaining new power in Japan

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Back-room maneuvering hit fever pitch today as politicians tried to cobble together Japan's third coalition government in two months.

The maneuvering has given new power to the Socialist party, which holds the swing votes. The party, once sidelined by outdated ideology, has emerged as the critical mass in the search to replace Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, who resigned Saturday rather than face certain defeat in a no-confidence vote.



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Parliament was to convene Tuesday or later after negotiations among top party officials, a legislative aide said.

With no immediate prospects for agreement among the political parties, lawmakers appeared likely to extend the current session beyond its scheduled end on Wednesday.

Under Japanese law, Hata must stay in office until his successor is chosen.

The lack of a leader could hinder Japan's efforts to resolve trade disputes with the United States and to produce measures to ease regulations on business. Red tape is seen as hurting both U.S. efforts to sell in Japan and Japan's own struggle to break out of a protracted recession.

Socialist leaders including Social Democratic Party Chairman Tomiichi Murayama met today with top officials of the Liberal Democrats to discuss a possible tie-up. The Liberal Democrats, ousted last year after nearly four decades in power, remain the largest party in parliament, with 206 seats in the 511-member lower house, which chooses the prime minister.

Socialists still hope to hold talks with Hata's coalition, which they quit in April. But coalition kingpin Ichiro Ozawa said his alliance did not want to hold any more talks with the Socialists.

A Socialist alliance with either group would be awkward because it would be severely compromised by policy differences. The Socialists were the main opposition party during the 38 years of Liberal Democratic rule, which ended last summer. The coalition with Hata's conservative partners was likewise divided by ideology and united only in a desire to keep the Liberal Democrats out of power.

Another massacre possible, Israeli prime minister says

■ Rabin promises tighter security in Jerusalem but warns that another 'madman' may not be stopped.

By ALLYN FISHER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Cleared of blame for the Hebron mosque massacre, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is promising tighter security in the volatile city but warning that another massacre is possible.

"If there is a Jewish madman who decides to open fire at one of a thousand mosques," Rabin said Sunday, he could not guarantee security forces would stop him. "Theoretically it could happen. I hope it won't," he said.

An Israeli commission on Sunday had found that a Jewish settler acted alone Feb. 25 when he killed at least 29 Muslims in a mosque in Hebron, a West Bank town.

Rejecting Palestinian claims of conspiracy, the 338-page report blamed the attack solely on gunman Dr. Baruch Goldstein, an American-born physician. He was bludgeoned to death after the attack by angry worshippers.

The five-member panel cleared the government and army command of any responsibility, prompting accusations by Palestinians and liberal Israelis that the six-week investigation was a whitewash.

Rabin pledged to implement the report's recommendations, including barring Jews from carrying weapons at the massacre site and separating Jewish and Muslim worshipers.

The site, the Tomb of the Patriarchs, is sacred to Muslims and Jews as the burial place of Abraham.

The report "looks to me like an attempt to wash our hands," said Israeli lawmaker Dedi Zucker of the leftist Meretz party.

Hebron is the only West Bank city where Jewish settlers and Palestinians live side by side, with about 450 Israelis scattered among 80,000 Arabs. It is also the most violent town in the West Bank.

"The reason for the massacre is still there. I think the settlers will continue to be a time bomb," said Saeb Erakat, a member of the Palestinian National Authority, the self-rule government for the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

In its report, the commission indicated it had accepted the explanation of army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, who testified that the massacre caught his forces by surprise.

"We do not believe that anyone can be blamed for not having foreseen the fact that a Jew would plan and carry out a massacre of Muslims in the Tomb of the Patriarchs," the report said.

The commission did cite lapses in law enforcement before the massacre, including instances in which police failed to investigate complaints about settler shootings or vandalism.

It urged the army to clarify open-fire orders to specify that settlers could be stopped from committing serious crimes.

Goldstein could perhaps have been stopped if the tomb had a full guard detail the morning of the massacre, the commission said. Five of 10 guards were absent, including three who overslept.

The panel left it to the army to file disciplinary charges.

Investigators concluded Sunday that Dr. Baruch Goldstein acted alone in the Hebron massacre.

Palestinians had hoped the commission would be more forceful and suggest removing settlers from Hebron.

They warned the report could reignite enough tension in Hebron to threaten Middle East peace efforts.

"Because the settlers are armed to their teeth, they threaten people, they even challenge the army," said Yasser Amr, education minister for the Palestinian autonomy self-rule government.

"It is now the responsibility of the Israeli community in general to choose between living in peace with the Palestinians or for the struggle to continue."

Jewish settlers felt vindicated of accusations that Goldstein's shooting spree proved they were too quick to use their weapons against Palestinians.

Aid workers rescue Rwandans amid shellfire

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIGALI, Rwanda — Aid workers had just an hour of peace today to rescue 45 seriously wounded patients from a hospital that has repeatedly come under fire in the battle for the Rwandan capital.

The Red Cross had been waiting all night to make the transfer from its hospital in government-held territory to a safer facility in land controlled by rebels, keeping the patients on trucks as fighting swirled all around. Shells fell within 50 yards of U.N. trucks Sunday night.

"My God, we were extremely lucky that none of the shells hit the hospital or the two ambulances," said U.N. military spokesman Maj. Jean-Guy Plante.

Philippe Gaillard of the International Committee for the Red Cross said the patients were kept on the trucks because he was uncertain when he would get assurances from rebels that it was safe to travel from government-held Kigali into rebel territory.

"Today we got the green light at 9:02 a.m. — we had just one hour for the evacuation," Gaillard said.

The ambulances headed from the hospital in central Kigali to King Faisal Hospital in rebel-held territory in eastern Kigali.

Hutu-controlled government forces are battling Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front rebels in the fighting that broke out after President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, died in a mysterious April 6 plane crash.

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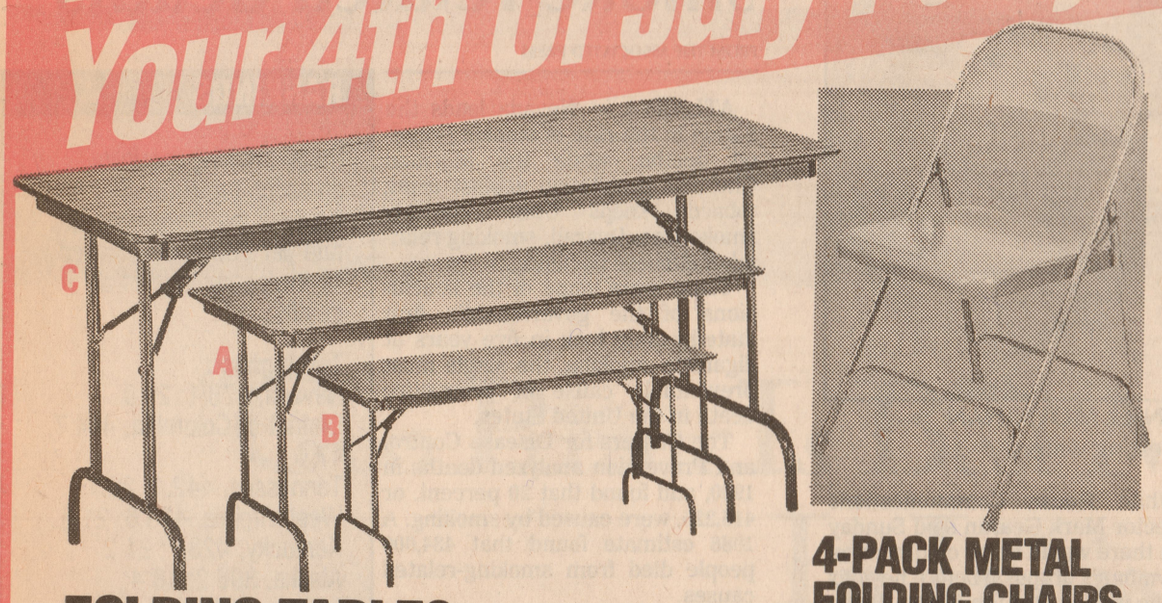

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Cancer programs to merge

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT – A stronger, more integrated system of cancer care will be the result of a planned merger of $300 million in cancer research and treatment programs between four Detroit medical institutions, experts say.

"The lab scientists will now be working side-by-side with the clinicians," said Rob Schweers, spokesman for the Michigan Cancer Foundation. The foundation will direct the merged operation.

"They'll be working almost like a team, to get (new findings) out of the labs as quickly as possible and into the doctors' offices," he said.

The new consortium will merge the cancer programs operated by the Michigan Cancer Foundation, Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University.

The new cancer center in Detroit, which will pool nearly $300 million in existing grants and other resources, will be similar in size to the world-renowned Johns Hopkins center in Baltimore, Md.

The new organization is searching for a chief executive. The interim heads are Dr. Richard J. Santen, chairman of internal medicine at Wayne State University's School of Medicine, and Dr. Vainutis K. Vaitkevicius, president of the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Gov. John Engler, Mayor Dennis Archer and other officials were expected to be present today at a signing ceremony for the new merger at the Michigan Cancer Foundation offices.

More than 43,000 Michigan residents are diagnosed with cancer each year and about 19,500 die annually from the disease.

Barge gets stuck, blocks river traffic and bridge

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAY CITY – A 19,000-ton barge blocked boat traffic and forced the shut down of a drawbridge when the vessel became wedged sideways across the Saginaw River.

"Thousands of motorists have had to be routed to other bridges because of fears the barge might break loose at any time and strike the bridge, or the increased wash from the jam might weaken bridge supports, said state Trooper James Bonnell said Sunday.

Shortly before midnight Saturday, the Escanaba-based barge, McKee Sons, dropped off a cargo of stone just of downtown Bay City.

U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Mike Mastenbrook said the barge, a converted, 620-foot-long Great Lakes freighter, attempted to turn around in the river and head back out into Saginaw Bay.

Operators reported the current in the river, which narrows to 500 feet across in that area, became too strong for them to maneuver and the craft quickly became stuck, Mastenbrook said.

"The operators reported the current seemed stronger than normal and were having such difficulty navigating the bridge they decided to put in," he said. "They got one line in along the east shore when the current swung the stern around and ran it aground onto the west bank."

Vehicular traffic was halted on the Veteran's Memorial drawbridge about 8 a.m. Sunday. Downtown river traffic also was halted Sunday during the city's River Roar hydroplane powerboat races.

Officials were to begin freeing the barge today with the help of four tugboats, according to the Coast Guard.

Young boy found hanged to death

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT – Police are investigating the death of a 4-year-old boy who was found hanging in a closet of his family's apartment.

Dantrelle Curry's father told police he found the boy hanging by a sweater around 8:30 p.m. Saturday, shortly after being put to bed by his mother.

The boy died from neck injuries Saturday night at Children's Hospital. Police declined to release more details. An autopsy was scheduled for today, officials said.

Family members could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Gladstone Davis, the family's landlord, said the boy was one of five children in the family.

Michigan becomes magnet for hazardous wastes

■ Excess capacity at waste disposal sites draws wastes from 35 states and Canada.

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT – State regulators say hazardous wastes travel a long way to come to rest in Michigan – and they're not even surprised.

Last year, Michigan imported 90,000 tons more of hazardous waste than it exported, according to a study reported Sunday by a Detroit newspaper. The study found that 35 states, Canada and Puerto Rico sent waste to Michigan, while the state sent waste to 18 states and Ontario.

"In this business, nothing astonishes you," said Jim Sygo, director of Michigan's hazardous waste division for the Department of Natural Resources. "We've had some material even come from Mexico. But you just have to wonder if there wasn't some other disposal facility between there and here it could have gone to instead."

Hazardous wastes include a broad spectrum of corrosive, reactive and ignitable materials as well as toxic wastes – such as mercury or lead and chemical compounds that pose direct threats to human health. Michigan's borders are open to all but radioactive wastes.

State officials sometimes have trouble knowing exactly how much is coming in. The state told federal officials that Canada sent 43 tons of waste into Michigan, while it actually sent 40,000 tons, the newspaper said.

Sygo said he was not sure the state needs to know what is coming in from Canada. Other DNR regulators disagreed.

Those blind spots prevent the state from easily tracking loads from problem companies, monitoring trends or spotting suspicious shipments, said Larry Aubuchon, who oversees Detroit area hazardous waste from DNR's Livonia office, and Lee Petrovich of the DNR manifest records office in Lansing.

"It defeats the purpose of a tracking system," Petrovich said.

Industry officials say they expect even more foreign waste to be entering the state in the future. Michigan facilities have excess disposal capacity for most kinds of waste and some, located close to Canada, are proposing expansion.

Hazardous waste industry officials argue that long-distance shipping is good for their business and everyone else. With fewer companies handling larger volumes of waste, treatment facilities can afford better pollution controls. Regulators, in turn, have fewer facilities to watch.

"It would be uneconomical to site all the facilities you need in each state," said Allen Blakey, public affairs director for the Environmental Industry Association. "It is better to get economies of scale."

The origin of the waste is not a major concern for those who claim their local hazardous waste facilities pose a health threat.

"From the emissions standpoint, I don't care where it comes from. What comes out the stack is what comes out the stack," said John Pruden, an Alpena resident.

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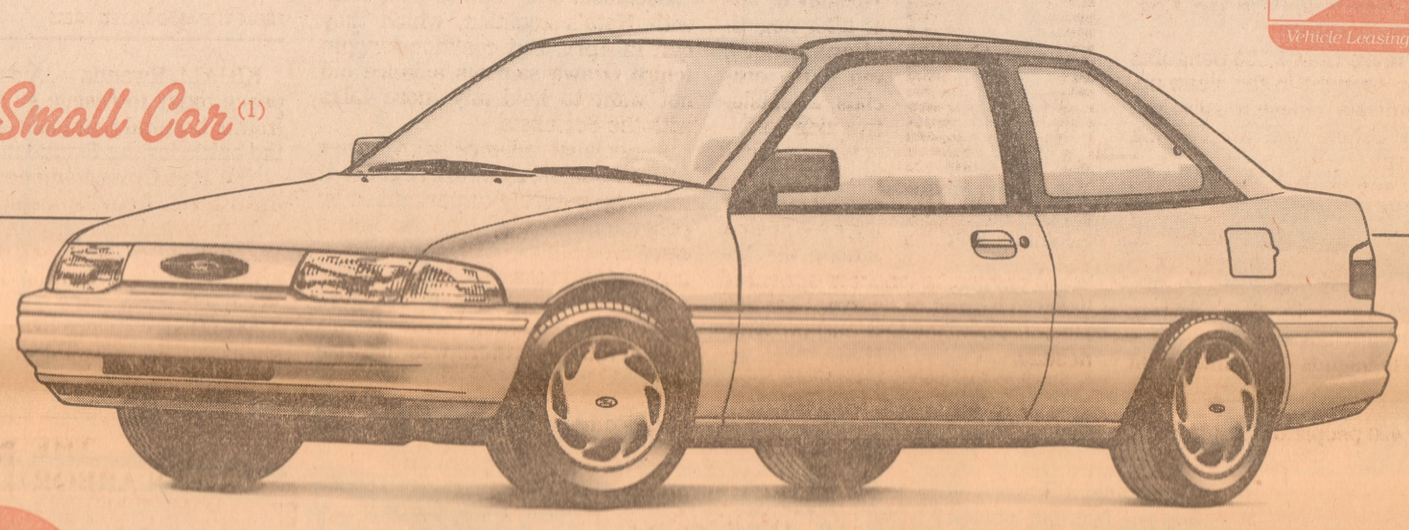
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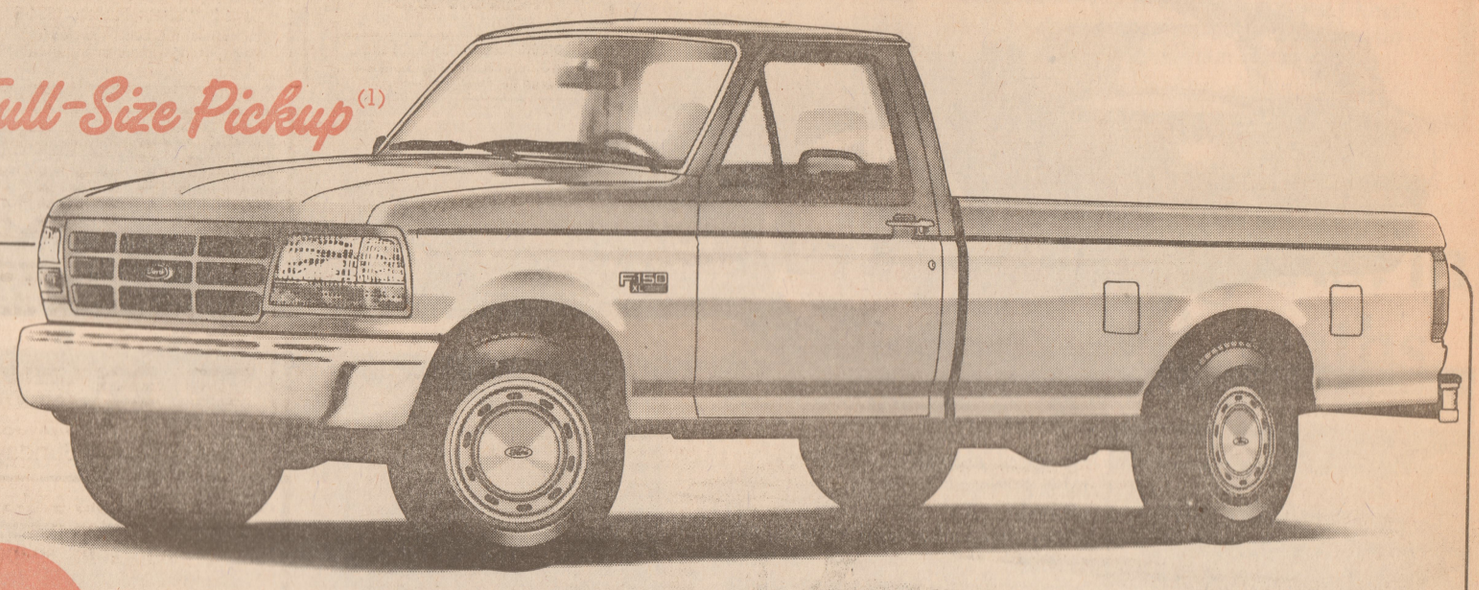
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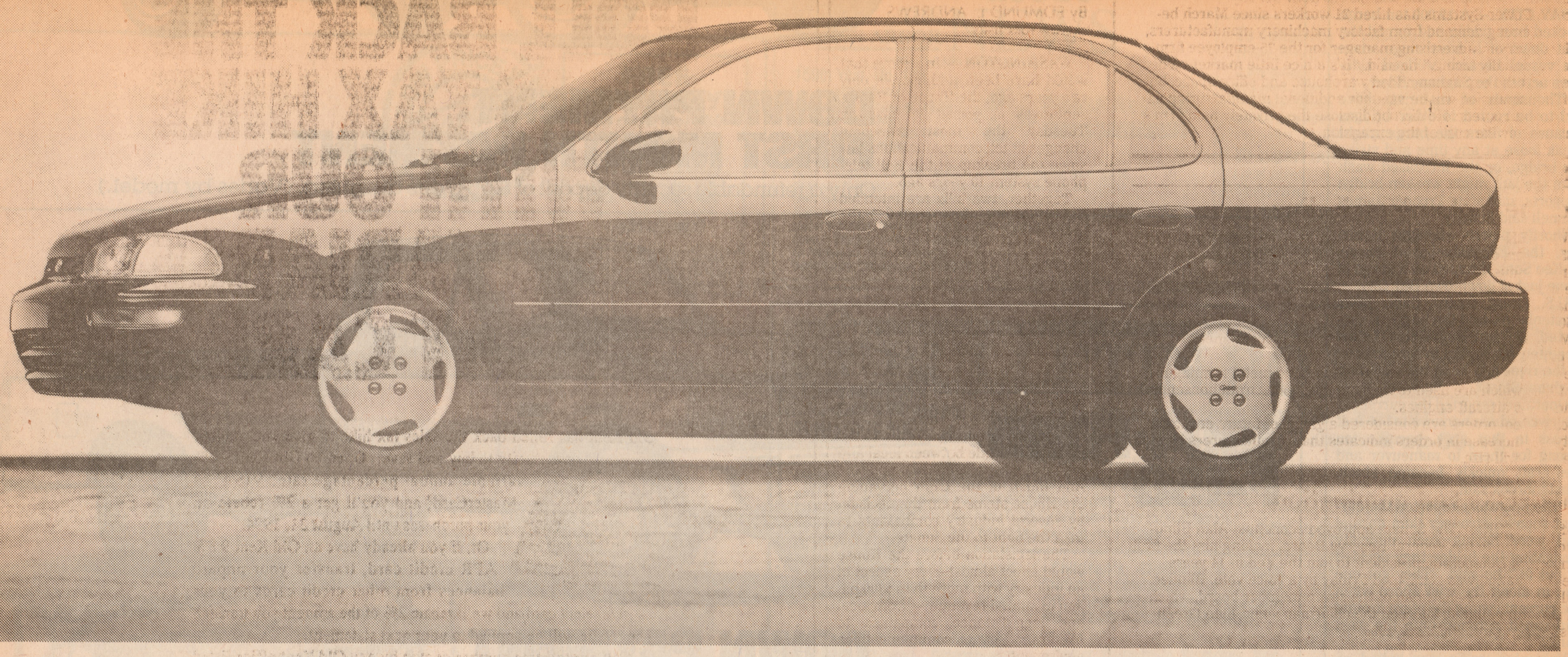

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'One of the things that this expo does is it cuts through the normal advertising levels that exist. And that's very helpful for black business, which is in a very fragile state.'

– Rep. John Conyers

Jerry Roebuck, the expo's founder, says black businesses lack capital, effective distribution and community support.

Since starting in New York in 1988, the Atlanta-based expo has expanded to a travelling exhibition to 14 cities.

To help consumers, the expo also had a booth to help people set up credit. It also ran seminars to counsel those who hope to start their own businesses.

Roebuck plans to launch a loan organization next year to help finance struggling black entrepreneurs.

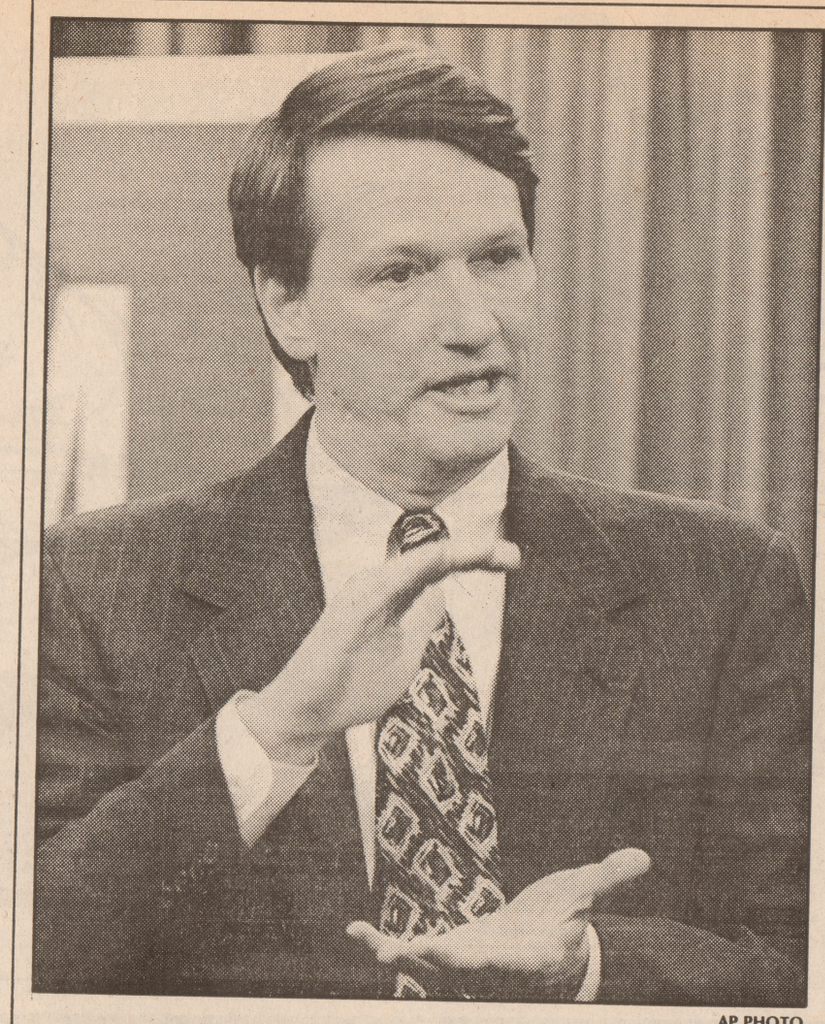
Black businesses need all the help they can get, said Rep. John Conyers, who visited the expo.

"One of the things that this expo does is it cuts through the normal advertising levels that exist. And that's very helpful for black business, which is in a very fragile state," Conyers said.

Many who took part in the expo said it paid off, like William Trimble, who was giving free dental screenings in an effort to win clients to his newly-opened Detroit practice.

Not having anything to sell, Gwen Webster was just looking around with her husband and children. But she also had something to gain.

"Instead of going to Arbor drugstore, we're going to start patronizing our own," she said.



AP PHOTO

G. Richard Wagoner Jr. appears headed for the No. 2 job at GM, head of North American operations.

Saturn celebration draws 30,000

FROM THE WASHINGTON POST

SPRING HILL, Tenn. – It was a revival meeting, replete with prayers, tents and gospel music. There were ministers aplenty, one of whom presided over an impromptu wedding. There were children everywhere, running through fields and playing on bales of hay, while their parents huddled in groups and talked about God, family, country – and Saturn.

"It's unbelievable," said Richard "Skip" Lefauve, president of Saturn Corp., a small-car company that began as a laughable idea 12 years ago, but now has blossomed into a full-scale religion.

By the end of ceremonies Saturday night, an estimated 30,000 Saturn owners and their families had shown up, nearly triple the population of this Middle Tennessee town in which the auto maker is located. Some came from as far away as Taiwan, and others from as close as Nashville. In a parking lot transformed into a sea of Saturns were license plates from as far away as Arizona and Alaska.

Many said they made the trip for three reasons: to see the 2,400-acre Saturn factory site, to meet the people who built their cars, and to find out if the Saturn philosophy of "togetherness" and "teamwork" was hype or truth.

GM shuffles top managers

By MIKE McKESSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT – General Motors Corp. was expected today to make the most extensive executive changes since outside directors deposed top managers and installed Jack Smith as president in 1992.

The board of the world's largest industrial corporation was expected to make the moves at its regular meeting in New York.

G. Richard Wagoner Jr., the 41-year-old chief financial officer and head of worldwide purchasing, is likely to be named to GM's No. 2 job. As president of North American operations, he would run GM's largest unit, responsible for its domestic vehicle business and nearly 80 percent of its revenues.

It is a job Smith has been handling himself since he was charged by the board to stop the company's billion-dollar losses in its car and truck business in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"He's clearly been successful at getting the company out of the financial mess it was in when he took over," said Furman Selz Inc.'s Maryann Keller, an automotive financial analyst and author of two books that chronicled GM's struggles and quest for recovery.

With Smith's cost-cutting campaign and the surging demand for new cars and trucks, GM's North American operations made $511 million in the first quarter of 1994 and the unit is expected to finish the year in the black.

"Now he's going to start to make significant decisions about who will be on the front lines" and focus more on a strategic role, Keller said.

GM declined to comment about the expected management changes.

Wagoner joined GM's treasurer's office in 1977 and has moved through several finance posts before becoming director of strategic business planning for the former Chevrolet-Pontiac-GM of Canada Group in 1988. Less than a year later, he became finance vice president of GM Europe (Smith was then president) and in 1991 was named president and managing director of GM's Brazilian operations.

Other possible reassignments in today's management shuffle include:

- Promotion of J. Michael Losh, head of GM's sales and marketing operations, to replace Wagoner as chief financial officer.
- Promotion of Robert Hendry, head of finance for North American operations, to take over Wagoner's role as chief of worldwide purchasing.
- Marketing and advertising general manager Philip Guarascio, who joined GM nine years ago after 21 years with a New York advertising agency, might be named to replace Losh as vice president of sales and marketing.

Keller said the new assignments would give Smith a team that can help him continue the formidable task of changing GM's culture, but they do not promise immediate solutions to some of the company's toughest problems.

Competitive redesigns of many of GM's products won't be ready for production for two years or more, raising the unpleasant prospect that they might hit the market as the next downturn arrives.

"General Motors had better get its act together to master product development in 45 months, or 40 months or less," Keller said.

The company ran into quality problems that slowed the launch of its 1994 product line, and there are rumors it is having trouble with the 1995 Chevrolet Cavalier due out this year to replace an aging bestseller, she said.

BRIEFING

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vell manufacturer to expand

owell manufacturer of transformers, inductors and other cal components for machine tool makers and other industrial said it recently expanded the size of its factory by about 60 t with the help of a tax abatement from the city.
elco Power Systems has hired 21 workers since March be- of booming demand from factory machinery manufacturers, arold Fryer, advertising manager for the 75-employee firm. continually hiring," he said. "It's a nice little market niche." r said the expansion added warehouse and office space, but the expansion will be used for additional manufacturing ca- in about a year. He did not disclose the privately held firm's sales or the cost of the expansion.

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chine tool orders decline

W YORK – Machine tool orders fell 18.5 percent in May to million, down from their highest levels of the year a month , an industry trade group reports.
Association for Manufacturing Technology announced Sun- at orders for U.S.-made machine tools fell last month from million in April, but orders were up 6.7 percent compared ay 1993. Year-to-date orders were 20.8 percent ahead of the period in 1993.
monthly report covers metal cutting and metal forming ma- ools, which are used to manufacture goods from household ces to aircraft engines.
hine tool orders are considered a gauge of future economic . An increase in orders indicates that manufacturers believe sales will rise.

ate OKs Fed nomination

HINGTON – The Senate approved economist Alan Blind- mination to the Federal Reserve Board, making him the first e by a Democratic president to join the Fed in 14 years.
nomination was confirmed Friday by a voice vote. Blinder, become vice chairman of the seven-member board, which ut him in line to succeed the chairman when Alan Green- term expires in March 1996.

acco makers fight back in ads

W YORK – Tobacco makers have been feeling the heat in weeks from federal regulators and lawmakers on the haz- smoking.
the two biggest U.S. tobacco companies, Philip Morris USA J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., are fighting back with ads in major apers that draws attention to views they support and sug- hey haven't been fairly presented.

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don shares up, Tokyo's down

DON – Share prices on the London Stock Exchange were at midday today. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100- ndex was up 3.6 points at 2,880.2 on midday volume of 202.9 shares.
nwhile, share prices plunged 2.24 percent today on the To- ck Exchange. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average shed points, closing at 20,300.96. On Friday, the average had fall- 46 points, or 1.29 percent, to 20,766.75.

orea to lower tariffs

HINGTON – South Korea plans to lower tariffs and take teps to stimulate sales of imported automobiles by its citi- who view foreign car ownership as risky and unpatriotic. country, a major car exporter, plans to relax some automo- fety testing requirements and make showrooms and adver- space more available to foreign makers, according to a pro- y South Korea during talks with U.S. officials last week.

ocal and Associated Press reports.

Massive overhaul looms for 'phone law'

By EDMUND L. ANDREWS
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON – In a move that would have been unthinkable only two years ago, the House of Representatives is poised to pass on Tuesday the most sweeping changes in telecommunications law since the breakup of the Bell telephone system 10 years ago.

Together, two bills are intended to fundamentally change the ground rules for electronic communications. The stakes are immense. And because of breathtaking advances in technologies like fiber optics and digital processing, telephone and cable television companies are investing tens of billions of dollars in advanced new video and voice networks.

To be sure, the fighting between turf-conscious industries is not over. Senators are drafting a similar bill that is almost certain to set off a fierce battle between local and long-distance telephone companies. And much of the calm pervading the House stems from the decision by several industry combatants to take the fight to the Senate.

The legislation before the House would affect almost every aspect of an industry with more than $300 billion in annual revenue – from local and long-distance companies to makers of communications equipment.

One measure would essentially rewrite the consent decree that broke up AT&T, giving the seven regional "Baby Bell" telephone companies greater freedom to provide long-distance service and make equipment.

The other bill would force local telephone companies to open their networks to new rivals, setting the stage for two or more telephone companies in one city with seamless passing of calls between them. Today's traditional telephone companies, in turn, could provide television programming over their networks.

Last week, two powerful members of Congress – Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., who chairs the House Energy and Commerce Committee – put the final touches on a compromise that is virtually certain to pass on Tuesday.

With a big fight expected in the Senate, some experts say the chances are barely better than 50-50 that a telecommunications bill will pass this year. The White House strongly favors such legislation but has remained on the sidelines.

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UNICEF

'Progress of Nations' report shows goals are achievable

Each year the United Nations Children's Fund puts out a report that evaluates and ranks nations according to how well they treat their citizens, particularly their children. It provides an instrument for holding governments accountable on a level that is more difficult to judge than the strength of the economy or military.

The 1994 "Progress of Nations" is a 54-page report that paints a picture of a world in which many countries, poor and rich alike, are beginning to achieve some of the international goals set at the 1990 World Summit for Children. That's truly good news, even though there is still much work to be done.

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Progress continues to be made, for example, in immunizing children. The summit goals call for 90 percent immunization for infants by the year 2000. The report shows that in 1978, only 15 percent of developing world's children were being immunized for simple childhood diseases. That figure now has climbed to 80 percent.

Also, more Third World governments are beginning to use oral rehydration therapy to prevent deaths caused by diarrhea. The result is that about 1 million more lives are being saved today, compared to a decade ago when the simple, inexpensive therapy moved out of laboratories and into real lives. Still, 3 million children each year die because of the effects of diarrhea. Yet, when countries like Zambia, Cameroon, Bhutan, Cuba, Uruguay and Venezuela can successfully treat more than 80 percent of those suffering from diarrhea, there is reason for hope.

One goal that UNICEF seeks to accomplish through the annual report is to overcome malnutrition. About 55 percent of 13 million children under 5 die from malnutrition each year. Simple, inexpensive steps can be taken to decrease deaths from malnutrition, beginning with promoting breastfeeding over bottle feeding and educating parents on how to feed children a balanced diet.

Providing adults with know-how, the report says, is one of the best ways to achieve results in all areas — education, health care, nutrition, family planning, equality for women.

Governments also need to be active participants. For example, by doing something as simple as adding iodine to salt, governments can reduce iodine deficiency. The lack of iodine in diets causes mental deterioration, which is especially severe for children, dry skin and a subnormal metabolic rate.

Peter Adamson, the editor of "Progress of Nations" says that the conditions that support improvement in the meeting human needs are these: A functioning democracy tends to be good for children. Equally important is the commitment of the government's leaders, in democracies or not, to improving living conditions. Another key is the willingness of governments and people to use technologies and techniques in which we have the ability to achieve a lot for a small investment, such as providing Vitamin A supplements.

In the United States, one way people can help is to support earmarking foreign aid funds to be used for child survival, basic education and nutritional supplements. The Senate is debating the 1995 foreign aid funding bill this week and next, and in its version, has set aside $692 million out of a $10.9 billion for those purposes. The money is channeled through the U.S. Agency for International Development. The earmarking, which is not included in the House version of the bill, is necessary since the Clinton administration last year cut funding for Third World children programs by $40 million. The Senate bill would return funding to 1993 levels. It's a minimal step in support of programs that actually work.

The measures provided in UNICEF's "Progess of Nations" are tools that people can use to advocate for better living conditions at home and abroad. By pointing out where needs are being met, the report provides role models; by showing where needs are not met, the report shows where the world community can work to bring about change. It points the way, but progress still depends on the willingness of people to use the report and other tools to improve our world.

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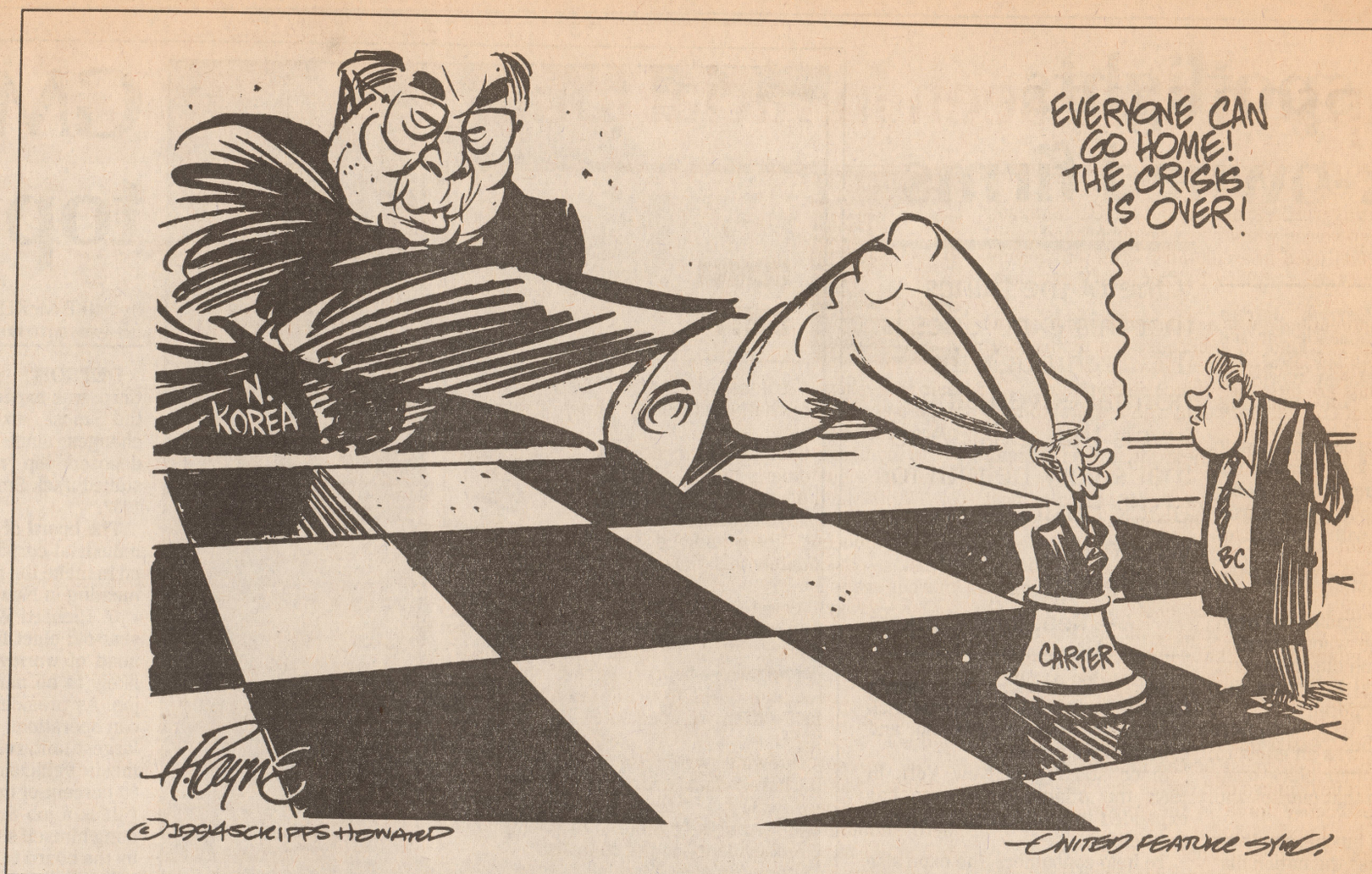

LETTERS

Stores biased against people's right to petition

The people of the state of Michigan have a constitutional right to petition for changes in their constitution. They have a legal right to do this on public property and on private property, when permitted by the owner.

Besides the Farmer's Market and the University Diag corners, only Kmart has allowed us to set up petition tables for Dr. Jack Kevorkian's constitutional amendment. We have been turned down by Kroger, Meijer, Hudson's, Sears, J.C. Penney, Jacobson's, Busch's, Whole Foods, The Produce Station, Oak Valley Center, Arborland, Georgetown Center and Plymouth Road Shopping Center.

The response is always the same: "We do not allow soliciting."

The petition tables are not soliciting, which the dictionary defines as entreaty, selling, begging, asking for, a request or plea for a favor or contribution. We do none of this. The tables are an exercise of our constitutional rights.

The other rationalization expressed is that if they allowed Kevorkian to do this, then they would have to allow the KKK and the Nazi Party also. It's strange that Kmart can select who petitions and solicits on their property without a problem. In reality, what the other stores are doing is discriminating against the people's right to petition, because they are afraid of a complaint or losing a dollar. It would be interesting to see how the view of these stores might change if the public, who cherish their rights, were to call these stores and complain of these discriminatory policies.

David Elliott Stovel
Chairman, Dr. Kevorkian Petition Committee, Ann Arbor

It's time to change U.S. policy on Cuba

The Second Freedom to Travel Campaign left for Cuba on June 23 with more than 200 participants. Like many other U.S. citizens, they are going in spite of the restrictions on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba. In an effort to prevent them from going, The Freedom to Travel's funds have been frozen by the U.S. government. This is in violation of our civil rights and an embarrassment to our government.

In the last six months, almost every major U.S. newspaper has editorialized for the lifting of the embargo. A growing number of U.S. citizens and businesses see this as a stubborn and outdated policy.

It seems to me that U.S. foreign policy towards Cuba is being dictated by the fanatical Cuban American National Foundation. Their views represent only a small percentage of the Cuban-American population in the United States and are an unfortunate group for President Clinton to align himself with, in spite of the benefits of large financial contributions he has received from them.

Last week, a large number of people were in Washington for Cuba Information Day. I had the opportunity to speak with aides of Sen. Claiborne Pell, Donald Riegle and Carl Levin and also Rep. William Ford. The basic argument I received from all of them is that Cuba's "poor human rights record" is what maintains the embargo. Why is it that during the many, many years the United States supported the Batista dictatorship there was no talk of human rights?

Clearly, the time has come to end this outdated, immoral and illegal Cuban embargo and travel ban, which is only serving to punish the civilian populations of both nations.

As a member of Pastors for Peace, I also traveled "illegally" to Cuba in March of 1994. I will continue to travel to Cuba as my constitutional right and to bring humanitarian aid as a gesture against the illegal and mean-spirited policies of my government, which is withholding food and medicine from the Cuban people.

Phyllis Ponvert
Ann Arbor

Bill to remove judge has no supporters

I was astounded to read a News headline June 16 regarding Ingham Circuit Judge James Giddings. The headline shouted "Judge may be dumped." Judge Giddings is a well-respected jurist from Lansing whose tenure with Ingham Circuit Court has been unquestioned.

According to the June 16 story, a Republican member of the Michigan House of Representatives from Utica named David Jaye introduced a bill to remove Giddings. To suggest that Giddings "may be dumped" from this fact alone was far afield. The bill has no cosponsors or supporters.

If a representative from Escanaba introduced a bill to allow the Upper Peninsula to split off from Michigan, would you title the article "U.P. may become 51st state?"

It's been a long recognized fact that the Michigan Legislature attracts a broad cast of characters. Rep. Jaye is one of them.

The fact that one rogue legislator (David Jaye) proposed a preposterous bill was hardly noteworthy, but to declare that a "judge may be dumped" was going too far. In the future, please consider your source.

Doug Mullkoff
Ann Arbor

Lynn Jondahl translates principles into action

The voters of Michigan know something that the big lobbying organizations and much of the media have failed to notice. State Rep. Lynn Jondahl is the best candidate for governor — and they are supporting him.

Lynn's record of concern for, and action on behalf of, all people is unassailable. He was at Selma with Martin Luther King, he is a dependable supporter of women's issues, and he has been a constant worker for a better chance for all of our state's children.

Consistently, he has translated his principles into action. Never during his long and respected career has he been tempted to look to Washington. His commitment is to the needs and challenges of Michigan.

Acknowledged as an intelligent idealist, Lynn has also been the effective chairman of the House Taxation Committee since 1983. His leadership and ability to work well with his colleagues was recognized by members from both sides of the aisle and both houses of the Legislature, who voted him Michigan's best legislator in 1992.

From landmark sand-dunes preservation legislation to matters of juvenile justice and health care reform, to economic growth and taxation issues, Lynn exhibits an astonishing breadth of experience and understanding combined with the ability to move legislation. When legislators hurriedly passed the ill-conceived Senate Bill 1, then rushed to begin their primary campaigning, Lynn stayed in his office working diligently to put together the compromise that assured that schools would open this fall and our children would be guaranteed access to education.

For 20 years the predominantly Republican voters of the 70th District have elected this compassionate and competent Democratic legislator to the Michigan House. Starting late, without a big campaign fund or a paid campaign staff, an army of volunteers collected the second-highest number of signature petitions for him. Now the voters of Michigan are out to elect the best: Lynn Jondahl for governor.

Andrew Zweifler, Ruth Zweifler
Ann Arbor

Airport study makes little sense

The Ann Arbor City Council has approved an engineering study and evaluation of the Ann Arbor Airport taxiways. While the study will cover the engineering aspects of the taxiway pavement, the need for and the cost effectiveness of, the pavement is outside the study.

Part of the taxiways under evaluation will include those portions that serve eight old hangars in the southeast corner of the airport.

The rationale for studying, with the possibility of expending up to $400,000, to build a road to these hangars makes very little sense. Some of the problems arise because these are private buildings built on city land.

I should like to suggest that the city administrator conduct an evaluation of the possible options. One option might be to abandon the hangars, demolish them and save $400,000.

William J. Pollard
Ann Arbor

Thanks to judges for helping students

We at Greenhills School would like to publicly acknowledge the commitment of the judges of the 15th District Court to educate the high school students of our community in the workings of the judicial system.

On May 27, Judge Timothy Connors held court at our school and through the cases tried, impressed upon our students the serious consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Police officers swore warrants, and a police detective carefully presented his case for a felony warrant involving child abuse. It was an event we would like to have at our school each year.

Anne Genovese
Faculty Adviser to the Student Council, Greenhills School

Compromise on funds for Planned Parenthood

Anti-abortion zealots continue to feel the need to create controversy between Planned Parenthood and the United Way.

In fact, in order for Planned Parenthood of Mid-Michigan to get any United Way funding, donors must write in our name on their pledge card. We are categorized by the United Way as one of their "non-funded" agencies.

For over 10 years, we have received a small amount of money based on designations from the statewide Combined Health Appeal of Michigan. Now they have joined the local United Way, and we continue to receive these donations.

Individuals who are anti-choice have three separate options of anti-abortion agencies they may choose to receive their United Way gift. Reasonable people would find this a satisfactory solution to the controversy.

Donors to Planned Parenthood understand that they are funding a broad range of medical and educational services. We thank them for their support.

Robyn Menin
Executive Director, Planned Parenthood of Mid-Michigan
Ann Arbor

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Nitpicking over fireworks is typical of Ann Arbor

The fireworks fiasco is another frustrating example of the micro-management mentality that runs rampant in Ann Arbor. It is evident everywhere — city government, historical commissions, the school system, the University of Michigan.

Soon it will be the Fourth of July, the biggest secular holiday in America. This is a fabulous opportunity to remind young and old that, unlike many other countries, we live in a land of freedom.

We could join many other proud communities throughout the country and celebrate America's birthday with flags, music and fireworks. We even have a business ready to help foot the bill. But no-o-o-o-o. We have to nitpick the idea to death, just as we deal with many other issues.

What if there's a traffic jam? What if there's trash? Gee — he fixed up this broken-down house real nice, but the door has to go, too ornate. Do we fund the at-risk children at the expense of able learners? Do we fund able learners at the expense of the at-risk children? Do we find a teaching job for the professor's girlfriend, or not?

FOCUS: FIREWORKS

Freedom encourages debate. However, this debate for debate's sake is not healthy. It is negative, going nowhere, "love to hear myself talk," assuaging-our-guilt talk. Nobody wins.

Ann Arbor is a community rich with diversity with so much to offer through its people and institutions. But we must reach a consensus in order to do that. Let's stop paying lip service. Let's stop promoting our personal agendas. Let's stop trying to figure out why something won't work. Instead, let's teach our children to have a vision, set a goal and work together to make it happen.

Baiba Bomis
Ann Arbor

Whiners, NIMBYs kill community celebration

Ann Arbor is a great place to live, but I am sorry to see the whiners and NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard) kill off the kind of community celebration of the Fourth of July many of us enjoyed as children and which many places still enjoy today.

Last Fourth of July, I was in the city of Upper Arlington, Ohio, the suburb which adjoins Ohio State University. A major fireworks display took place in a large park in the center of town. Hundreds of families and individuals sat around on the grass and on blankets watching. At the homes surrounding the park, residents set up lawn chairs and took advantage of proximity to the fireworks as a way to entertain their guests.

Charles Gelman should know that some of us appreciate the civic spirit of the substantial offer Gelman Sciences made to give us all a treat, the jobs that Gelman Sciences brings to the city, and the efforts the company is making to solve past hazardous waste problems.

Barbara Everitt Bryant
Ann Arbor

OPINION

Simpson case seen in racial tones

DONNA BRITT

WASHINGTON -- "Race is never not an issue in America."

Those fighting words, spoken about the O.J. Simpson case by a deep-voiced woman in a neighborhood beauty shop, weren't used in a column I wrote on varying opinions about the ex-athlete. I didn't hear it in time to include it.

But also unmentioned was a comment I had heard at least five times. I ignored it because it's unpleasant. Unfair. Nothing to celebrate.

Real feelings are often like that. The comment:

"That's what O.J. gets for being with a white woman. ... See what happens?"

Four out of the five times I heard it, a black woman was talking.

Frankly, it isn't my view. Guys of every color — most with similarly hued mates — abuse women and sometimes kill them (though O.J.'s innocence must be assumed). But it's interesting that some black women, and presumably some black men feel this — even if they only admit it to other black folks.

The women's comments remind me of the instant "he can't be guilty" status that some people confer on every brother, deserving or not, from Mike Tyson to Michael Jackson to Clarence Thomas, and now to O.J. No matter what the accusation, the seeming evidence or even if the accused has actively distanced himself from other blacks, he must be the innocent victim of racism. The reflexiveness of it drives me nuts and can be a self-destructive force in the African American community, but I understand it.

Many people, I suspect, do not.

They don't have what a friend describes as "an ingrained, cultural memory of their men being dragged away into the night, never to be seen again." They haven't grappled with racism — never felt it limiting and taunting them, affecting them so often that they may see it even when it isn't there. It can obscure people's vision so completely that they can't see past it to deal with blacks' own culpability.

They haven't, like many black women, felt the hurt from generations of seeing themselves and their beauty rejected by some of their best and brightest men for women who are white, or who just look it.

The bottom line: The woman in the beauty salon speaks for many African Americans who feel that in work, play and love, skin color always matters.

Time magazine would disagree. Editors at the newsweekly find it "insulting" that colleagues wonder whether their decision to electronically darken O.J.'s famous mug shot was misguided, even racist. But however unintentional, providing literal golden-boy O.J. with a computer tan could be construed as an effort to make the ex-athlete better fit the "menacing black male" image that already harms black men who are neither menacing nor criminal.

Considering the "that's what O.J. gets" comments, I decided to explore more sisters' feelings at a natural hair-care shop — salons are great for frank talk. Indeed, between chitchat and teasing, women gladly explored the O.J. thing.

"In my heart, I don't think he did it," said one stylist, unfurling a customer's braids. "But he looked so bad on TV, like he'd do anything. ... Some people say that he should have stayed in his race."

"He's innocent — he wouldn't do that!" cried another stylist, so passionately that you'd swear she was at the murder scene.

"He's crazy," countered a third. "I knew he was guilty when he ran away." I was just adding my 2 cents when a voice boomed: "We have no knowledge of what happened. Everything we've heard is third-hand, so it's unreliable. Speculation goes from the authorities, to the media, to us — then we speculate. ... We know nothing."

The woman throwing water on our speculative brushfire was Barbara, a local artist. She said she has no special regard for O.J. — "descriptions of him as a hero confound me" — but is committed to "being neutral until I have real evidence to the contrary."

Yet minutes later, she said, "I think (victim) Ron Goldman was just Nicole's friend." Asked for her evidence, she sighed. "OK — my opinion is no more valid than anyone's. Neither is the media's — but it's accepted as truth."

Barbara's view seemed refreshingly balanced. She said that she's frustrated by the media's widespread use of O.J.'s prison photo ("Mug shots are never appropriate") and that people outraged by Nicole Brown's murder yawned at her abuse. Asked if she thinks the skin color dynamic in the Simpson-Brown case matters, she paused.

"I don't know," she said. "I remember how Emmett Till was killed for just whistling at a white woman."

Listening, I realized the obvious, yet again. Some stuff goes so deep, we may never get past it.

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Case reveals skewed societal attitudes

ANNA QUINDLEN

This is not the story of a fallen idol. It is the story of a man who, like many, many other men, beat up his wife and didn't think there was anything the least bit wrong with it.

In 1989, according to police reports, O.J. Simpson came to the door of the house in which he had blackened his wife Nicole's eye and split her lip and choked her, and told the officers: "This is a family matter. Why do you want to make a big deal of it?"

And with those words he spoke for thousands upon thousands of other batterers who think it is unworthy of public notice that they assault the women they live with, bully them with words, silence them with looks, finally shut them up with their fists.

We are not talking of crimes of passion, but of a way of looking at the world and the women in it.

He was not special, this public face. He was ordinary. He was typical. The self-serving quasi-suicide note he left last week was practically a textbook example of batterer baloney.

"If we had a problem, it's because I loved her so much," he wrote. So much that Nicole Simpson told the cops, according to the 1989 police report, that she'd called them eight times before. They took pictures of her injuries, and although she was pretty, the photographs were not.

The only people not surprised by what has happened are advocates for battered women.

They have heard so often about the charming and successful man, the love affair, the devotion — and the violence. They have worked with battered women who became homicide victims. They know that this often happens after the woman has walked out or refused a reconciliation.

If O.J. Simpson is found guilty, as charged, of killing Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, that will not surprise them, either.

"According to unofficial statistics from the coroner's office, we're witnessing a domestic violence killing every day and a half," said Alana Bowman, head of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit, the oldest in the country and the one that handled the 1989 Simpson case.

Gail Pincus, who runs the kind of program in California that O.J. Simpson might have been forced to attend had he been treated as a wife-beater instead of a football legend, says it's difficult, perhaps impossible, to change the batterers, who cannot differentiate between control, violence and love. The men she works with have been convicted of choking their wives into unconsciousness, beating them bloody, breaking their noses. All misdemeanor offenses.

"They all come in thinking she's the problem, that she made him do it," says Pincus.

"And sometimes he convinces her. My measure of success is whether we've made her understand that he may never change, and that she may really be in danger of her life."

Instead of the 30 days in jail and the yearlong batterer's program the prosecutor demanded when Simpson was sentenced five years ago, the judge gave him no jail time and he was permitted to phone in his counseling sessions with a therapist of his choice because of his terribly busy schedule.

But societal attitudes are as skewed as those of any jurist. If O.J. Simpson had pleaded no contest to drug charges instead of spousal abuse, is there a snowball's chance in hell that Hertz would have used him in commercials and NBC employed him as an on-air analyst?

His supporters lined the freeway to cheer him on Friday and commentators talked about his tragedy.

Did those people see the photographs of the crime scene and the great blackening pools of blood seeping into the sidewalk? Did battered women watch all this on television and realize more vividly than ever before that their lives were cheap and their pain inconsequential?

"If men start holding other men accountable for this and not being part of a conspiracy of silence, it can be ended," said Bowman.

This is not the story of a fallen idol. It is the story of a woman who was brutally murdered while her children were just on the other side of the door. If her former husband is convicted of her murder and that of her friend, remember that his children were orphaned by his own hand.

Remember Nicole Brown Simpson. This is her story. Remember her split lip and her black eye and her fear. Remember what she said to the police when they arrived at her house: "He's going to kill me."

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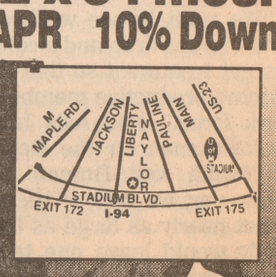

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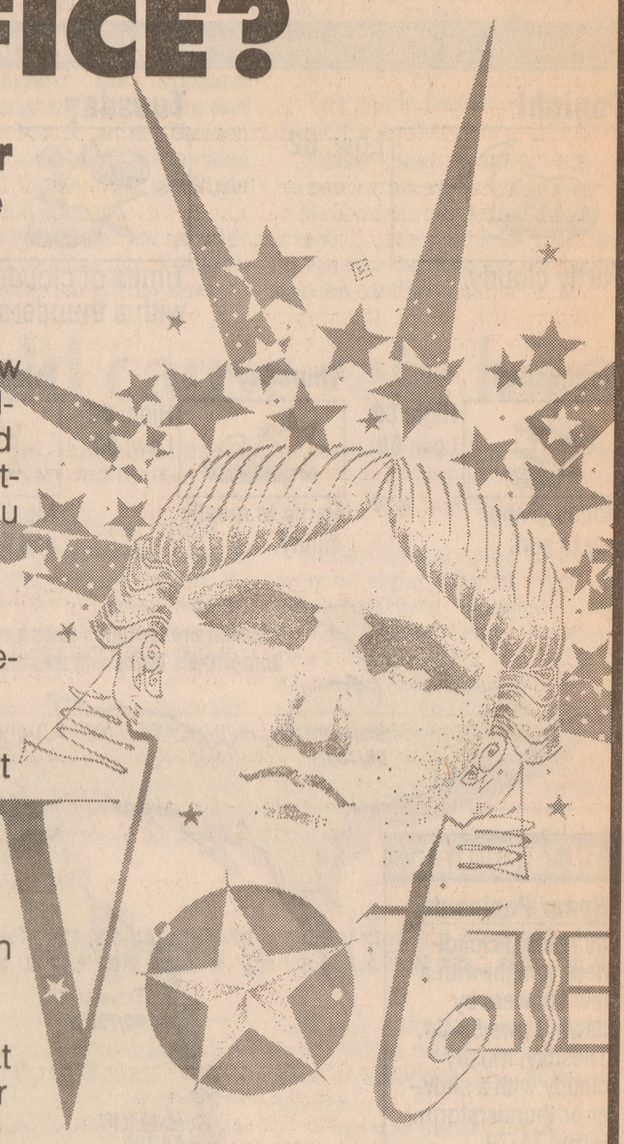

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WELFARE: White House disputes statistics

grams for young mothers at risk of long-term welfare dependency.

Califano argues that "none of this stuff is going to take until they get off alcohol, off drugs. Getting them unhooked must be the central ingredient in any welfare reform plan."

But a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Califano's report may backfire given the mood of Congress, which voted earlier this year to kick drug addicts and alcoholics off the federal disability rolls after 36 months.

The "natural assumption," the official said, is that the mothers are using welfare benefits to purchase illicit drugs or alcohol to feed their habits.

The study, which also found that half of all women on welfare are smokers, did not address how welfare recipients paid for drugs and alcohol from their meager incomes, or the reasons for their substance abuse. It was based on federal data, and the center said it may underestimate the problem.

Califano's group defined alcohol abuse as drinking five or more drinks at a sitting, two or more times a month. Drug use is defined as using illicit drugs during the past year.

Clinton administration officials, using a more conservative definition, found the rate of substance abuse among welfare recipients much lower. According to their calculations, 4.5 percent have serious impairments and need treatment, and 10.5 percent use a drug or get drunk once a week.

"We want to see welfare recipients who are drug and alcohol abusers get treatment so that they can become productive members of the work force," said Avis LaVelle, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services. "However, we believe the problem is not nearly as large as the CASA study would leave one to believe. Therefore, it is not insurmountable."

Congress to resume space station debate

FROM THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON – In 1984, when Ronald Reagan approved construction of a human outpost in Earth's orbit, the idea was to beat the Russians. Nine years, $10 billion and two presidents later, the idea of the space station is to work with the Russians.

America's seemingly permanent battle over whether to kill or build a space station is about to be refought in Congress, a battle that could determine the fate of the human space flight program.

The first showdown vote of the season could come as early as Tuesday in the House of Representatives, where last year the program survived by one vote.

This year, administration officials predict a more comfortable margin. They say it's time to stop debating and start building. Again this year, opponents respond, there just isn't enough money.

Up to now, the U.S. government has been unable either to kill the effort or get on with it. Instead, the program has remained trapped in a nightmarish cycle of technical and management problems leading to congressional budget cuts and design changes, leading to more delays and so on. The space station has been redesigned seven times.

Since last year's budget fight, however, the Clinton administration has achieved what a panel of outside experts called a sea change in the huge project – the largest international scientific collaboration ever attempted outside of war.

NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin has spent recent weeks in a mad dash around Capitol Hill, determined to visit 220 skeptical House members before the vote. He has sometimes been accompanied by his Russian counterpart, Yuri Koptev, whose country is now a partner. Goldin's message to Congress is that, under orders from the White House, the long-troubled program has been whipped into shape, its management and budget trimmed, its purposes clarified and broadened.

Working with the Russians, the argument goes, not only saves money, reduces technical risk and enhances safety and flexibility for men and women in orbit, but makes sense in the post-Cold War world.

NASA wants to spend $17.4 billion more to complete the orbital facility and to buy an additional $400 million in goods and services from Russia, Goldin says.

That is in addition to $14 billion to be spent on the project by Japan, Canada, Russia and 10 European nations. The $14 billion includes the Russian contribution in facilities and equipment, Goldin tells the members, which officials have concluded will be worth $5 billion.

The product of all this is to be a 415-ton research complex with a 361-foot wingspan and six laboratory modules.

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DOLLAR: Economy expected to stay healthy

the dollar," said Robert E. Rubin, a top economic adviser to President Clinton.

But he acknowledged that the United States was in a "very difficult situation" as the dollar's value fell close to near-record lows against the yen and dropped to its lowest point in more than a year against the mark.

"The Treasury people did a disciplined and very thoughtful job," Rubin said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." "You have to sit and wait and watch what happens over time and then make your judgments" on the response.

Rubin said the outlook for the nation's economy remains healthy for this year and 1995, partly because of Clinton's ability to achieve congressional approval of a budget plan that would reduce the federal deficit.

Clinton also may discuss a coordinated policy by the seven major industrial nations when the so-called G-7 economic summit convenes in Naples, Italy, next month.

Some financial analysts, however, said the administration needed to give more emphatic signals that it will not tolerate speculators' attacks on the dollar's value after what appeared to be Treasury acceptance earlier this year of a gradual weakening of the greenback in currency markets.

"This administration has been halfhearted and poorly timed," said Allen Sinai, an economist with Lehman Brothers. Henry Kaufman, another well-known Wall Street analyst, said of the falling dollar: "Someone has to speak out now and say we will not tolerate this."

"I think they desperately want to avoid a situation where the Federal Reserve has to raise rates," said Robert D. Hormats, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs (International). "The problem is that the intervention on Friday was ineffective. If they do it (again) Monday, it's going to be harder to make it credible."

Hormats said he doubted whether the Federal Reserve would increase rates if the dollar stabilizes around current levels against the yen and the mark during the next few days.

"If it starting going down, they (the administration) would have to intervene with more muscle," he said.

Other analysts said they believe that the Federal Reserve's policy-making Open Market Committee would have little choice but to increase interest rates for the fifth time this year at its scheduled July 5-6 meeting.

Jack Kemp, the former secretary of housing and urban development and a possible Republican presidential contender in 1996, rejected such a course on the NBC program.

"It hasn't worked," Kemp said. "We should be targeting that which is the best harbinger over time of inflation, which is the dollar price of gold." If that were done, Kemp added, long-term interest rates would be coming down.

Rubin declined to discuss Federal Reserve policy or speculation in Wall Street that Clinton will seek to coordinate interest rate policy with other major industrial nations at the Naples summit.

But he did reiterate that the United States was not seeking a cheaper dollar in order to improve the price competitiveness of American goods in trading with Japan or other countries.

"This U.S. government won't use the dollar as an instrument of trade policy," he said.

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STOCKS: Privilege irks many

commodities market in the late 1970s.

D'Amato, a fierce critic of the first lady's commodities trading, has been hard-pressed in recent days to explain how her profits from those transactions differ substantially from his own IPO earnings.

"I'm no Hillary Clinton," he insists.

At the heart of this controversy is the debate over what constitutes ethical behavior in a fast-paced political world in which new potential conflicts appear on the horizon with amazing regularity. While outright political bribery is almost unheard of these days, it is not unusual for members of Congress to benefit from investments made with the help of others who are in a position to seek influence.

In the 1980s, both House Speaker Jim Wright and Democratic whip Tony Coelho were forced to step down when they admitted making money by investing with people who had interest in legislation. Likewise, the central issue in the Whitewater controversy is the allegation that President Clinton and his wife were drawn into investments in commodities and an Ozark real estate development by Arkansas business people seeking political favors.

Of course, lucrative stock deals have always been the stuff of political scandal. As far back as 1892, with the Credit Mobilier scandal, members of Congress were found guilty of accepting new-issue stocks at cut-rate prices.

IPOs have been at the center of controversy in the financial world for the past several years, primarily because the most lucrative new issues are not available to the average investor. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating complaints of disgruntled investors who were denied access to IPOs.

Sandy Robertson, founder of Robertson, Stephens & Co., a major investment banking firm based in San Francisco, said competition to buy good IPOs is intense because they are virtually guaranteed to increase in value.

"It's absolutely handing them cash," he said. "By design, they are priced to go up at least 15 percent in the after market."

Robertson said most brokers, under strict scrutiny from the National Association of Securities Dealers, allocate hot IPOs only to those customers who have previously generated big commissions for them. But he added that some brokers have been known to distribute IPOs to ingratiate themselves with influential people, such as politicians.

Among those members of Congress who profited from IPOs in the past two years were D'Amato, Foley, Sens. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Dale Bumpers, D-Ark. In the House, the list includes Reps. Robert G. Torricelli, D-N.J., Gary L. Ackerman, D-N.Y., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

There is no law or rule prohibiting members of Congress from investing in these hot new issues, and some – Metzenbaum, Boxer, Ackerman and Pelosi, for instance – qualify as major investors. Yet it should come as no surprise to them that ordinary investors, who cannot buy the most lucrative IPOs, would complain when politicians are making money buying and selling them.

"It is the mark of a member of Congress who has received preferential treatment," said Ellen Miller, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a political-reform advocacy group. "It immediately raises the question: Are they getting special treatment for benefits the industry has received from them in the regulatory and oversight process?"

The question that Miller poses is particularly pertinent in the case of D'Amato, who serves as ranking Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, which oversees the activities of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

At the time D'Amato purchased his most profitable IPO, his brokerage, Stratton Oakmont of Lake Success, N.Y., was being investigated by the SEC for stock manipulation and fraudulent sales practices. The firm subsequently was forced to pay fines in excess of $2.5 million and three executives were sanctioned.

Stratton Oakmont officials also contributed at least $11,000 in early 1992 to D'Amato's re-election campaign, but much of it was returned when the senator's campaign committee learned of the SEC probe.

For Metzenbaum, Boxer, Ackerman and Pelosi, IPOs have been only a minor part of their extensive stock portfolios.

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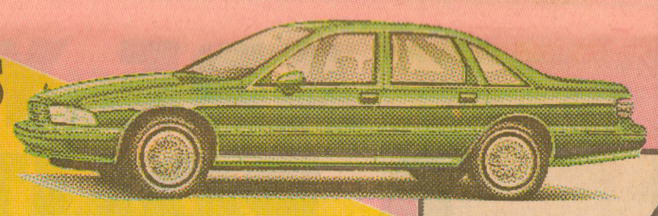

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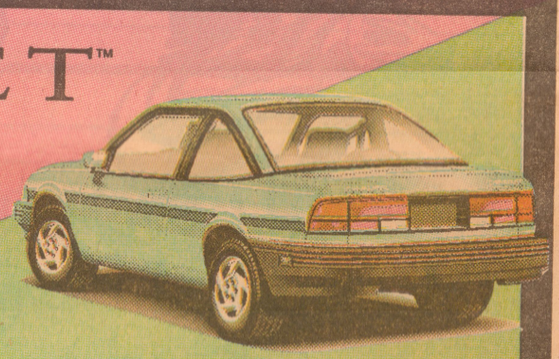

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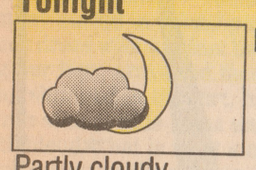

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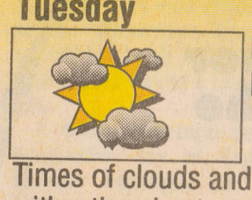

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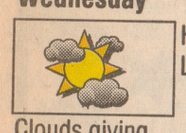

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Low: 60
Clouds giving way to sun.

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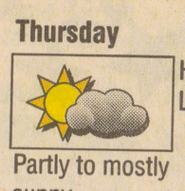

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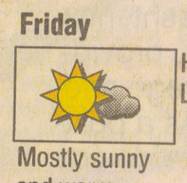

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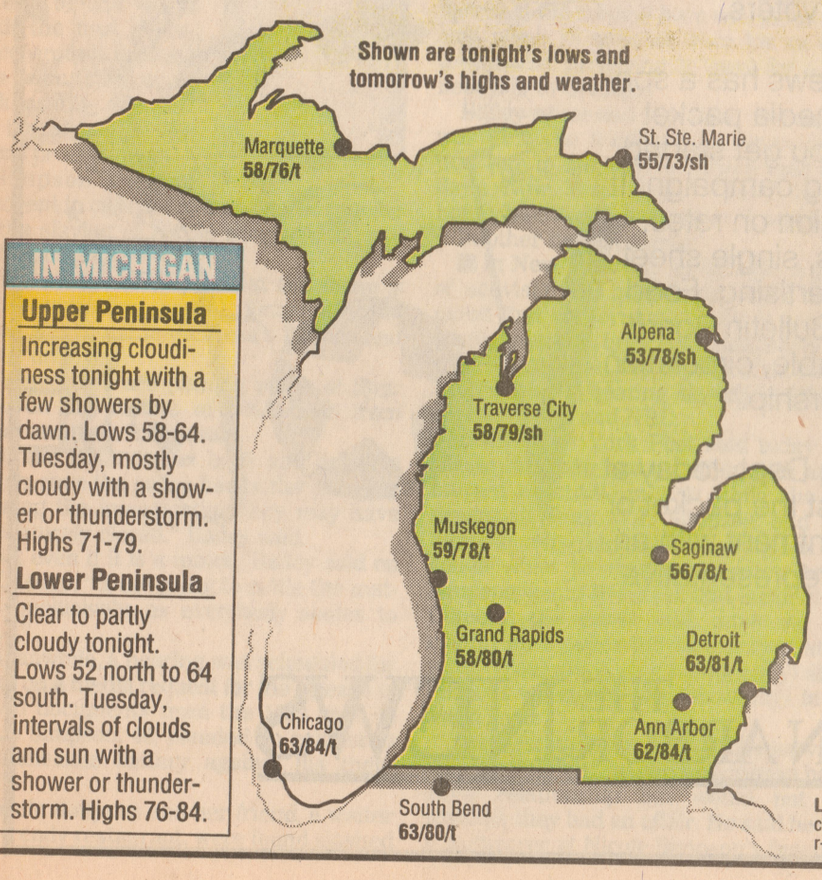

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Upper Peninsula

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Lower Peninsula

Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 52 north to 64 south. Tuesday, intervals of clouds and sun with a shower or thunderstorm. Highs 76-84.

Yesterday

Temperatures

High	76
Low	59
Normal High	81
Normal Low	60
Record High (1952)	100
Record Low (1979)	44

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.31"
Month	3.94"
Year	15.62"

Normal

Month	3.13"
Year	15.05"

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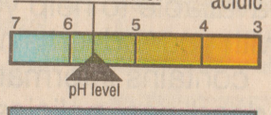

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Tuesday

Sunrise	6:01 a.m.
Sunset	9:16 p.m.
Moonrise	none
Moonset	11:47 a.m.

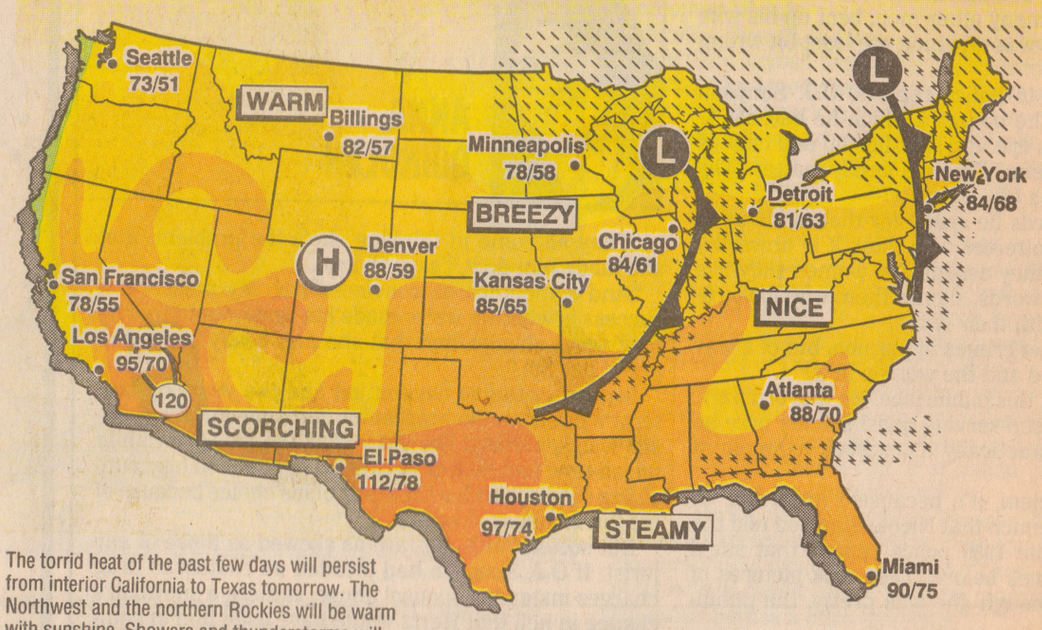
WEATHER FACT

Ann Arbor's average daily minimum temperature reaches 60 degrees today.

Weather Fact Source: Dennis Kahlbaum, U-M Meteorologist.

Legend: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thundershowers, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

NATIONAL FORECAST FOR TUESDAY



Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice
FRONTS
COLD
WARM
STATIONARY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

The torrid heat of the past few days will persist from interior California to Texas tomorrow. The Northwest and the northern Rockies will be warm with sunshine. Showers and thunderstorms will linger in New England, but it will be drier in the Appalachians.

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

Atlanta
Partly sunny, humid, breezy
Hi: 88 Lo: 70

Los Angeles
Hazy sunshine
Hi: 95 Lo: 70

Minneapolis
Showers and very windy
Hi: 78 Lo: 58

New York
Cloudy, humid and breezy
Hi: 84 Lo: 68

St. Louis
Mostly sunny, windy and warm
Hi: 88 Lo: 67

Washington
Clouds, sun; humid, breezy
Hi: 88 Lo: 70

CITIES AROUND THE NATION

CITY	Tuesday HI	LO	WEA	Wednesday HI	LO	WEA
Abilene	100	71	s	103	76	s
Albuquerque	97	66	pc	102	67	s
Anchorage	61	48	sh	63	49	pc
Asheville	83	63	t	86	58	pc
Atlantic City	84	68	c	83	64	c
Baltimore	86	68	c	90	72	c
Billings	82	57	s	81	52	s
Birmingham	88	68	s	91	66	s
Bismarck	80	51	pc	79	51	s
Boise	91	56	s	87	52	s
Boston	80	65	t	85	66	sh
Brownsville	97	77	s	94	78	s
Buffalo	77	64	sh	76	63	t
Burlington	77	64	t	80	64	t
Charleston, SC	89	74	pc	94	73	pc
Charleston, WV	83	66	pc	82	60	pc
Cincinnati	85	63	t	81	60	pc
Cleveland	80	66	t	77	61	sh
Dallas	102	74	pc	102	76	s
Denver	88	59	pc	94	60	s
Des Moines	80	62	s	83	62	s
Duluth	70	51	sh	71	48	pc
El Paso	112	78	pc	112	77	s
Hartford	80	67	t	84	65	sh
Helena	83	52	s	79	49	s
Honolulu	84	71	pc	85	73	pc
Houston	97	74	s	99	79	s
Indianapolis	81	61	t	81	62	pc
Kansas City	85	65	s	87	66	s
Knoxville	87	68	t	86	63	pc
Las Vegas	111	81	s	109	83	s
Lexington	84	64	t	81	60	pc
Little Rock	92	68	t	93	69	s
Louisville	85	66	t	85	64	pc
Madison	81	61	t	80	55	pc
Memphis	91	69	t	91	70	s
Miami	90	75	t	92	78	pc
Milwaukee	84	62	t	78	59	pc
Nashville	91	66	t	88	64	s
Newark	85	69	c	86	68	t
New Orleans	92	75	s	93	72	s
Oklahoma City	94	70	s	96	72	s
Omaha	82	62	s	85	63	s
Orlando	91	70	s	93	72	pc
Philadelphia	86	70	c	88	72	t
Phoenix	114	87	s	113	88	s
Pittsburgh	82	64	pc	78	61	sh
Portland, OR	80	54	s	73	53	pc
Portland, ME	73	61	t	71	62	sh
Raleigh	88	70	t	89	65	pc
Rapid City	82	57	s	85	53	s
Reno	91	53	s	89	54	s
Richmond	89	70	t	91	65	pc
Salt Lake City	98	67	s	90	60	s
San Diego	80	65	s	81	65	pc
San Francisco	78	55	s	72	54	s
San Juan	90	75	s	87	76	pc
Seattle	73	51	s	70	54	pc
Tampa	92	73	s	90	76	s
Tucson	110	77	pc	113	78	s

THE WORLD

Tuesday

CITY	HI	LO	WEA
Amsterdam	74	66	pc
Athens	91	69	s
Beijing	94	73	pc
Berlin	86	66	s
Bermuda	81	74	pc
Buenos Aires	59	39	s
Cairo	93	62	s
Havana	89	75	pc
Hong Kong	87	78	pc
Johannesburg	49	25	pc
London	80	67	s
Madrid	95	64	s
Manila	90	72	pc
Mexico City	76	56	t
Montreal	79	59	sh
Moscow	75	55	c
Nassau	88	75	pc
New Delhi	103	90	pc
Paris	88	68	s
Riyadh	105	73	s
Rio de Janeiro	77	61	s
Rome	83	63	s
Seoul	85	69	pc
Singapore	88	71	pc
Stockholm	70	53	s
Sydney	62	48	s
Taipei	92	73	s
Tel Aviv	77	68	s
Tokyo	77	66	sh
Toronto	79	60	sh
Warsaw	87	60	c